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# Winter-tire shortage

## Drivers left out as mechanics can't meet demand

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**Good luck getting winter tires put on your car — even if you own them already.**

Not only are the shops deluged with people wanting to switch over their tires, but there are few new winter tires to be had.

Kimberly White and her co-workers at Miller Tire were going heavy on the caffeine yesterday.

"We have no time for anything, it's that bad," she said.

"Everybody flew in here (yesterday) morning and they're upset that we can't do enough tire changes, and we don't have enough tires for them."

A new law in Quebec making winter tires mandatory means there's a tremendous supply shortage. And White said tire manufacturers aren't increasing production to keep up with the demand.

"It's really affecting Nova Scotia," she said.

The few winter tires they have in stock are in odd sizes.

They were already hopping with appointments



Mechanic Trevor Stuart installs a winter tire on a vehicle at Miller Tire yesterday. Shops are swamped with calls for winter tires, but due to a new law in Quebec, the tires are in short supply. For more coverage, see page 4.

when the first dump of snow hit, bringing in a bigger flood of customers.

Speaking above the constantly ringing phone, White's advice for motorists is to be patient.

"And keep trying," she said.

When asked when they expected business to ease off a little, White said "Jan-

uary," and a co-worker joked "summer."

Bob Robichaud, meteorologist with Environment Canada, said we got about five centimetres of snow Wednesday night.

Temperatures are sticking to the freezing mark in the next few days, which means this scattering of snow will be here for a lit-

tle while.

"It might be slowly melting away. We're looking at a warmup after that, so I don't think the snow is going to last," Robichaud said.

But if Wednesday's dump of snow reminds you of all the back-breaking snowshovelling you did last year, Robichaud said this

winter shouldn't be so bad.

Precipitation will be above normal, but so will temperatures, which means a slushy winter.

"It might be more of a mix than a lot of snow."

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## Obese riders can have two seats, court rules

**AIRLINES** Obese people have the right to two seats for the price of one on flights within Canada, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled yesterday.

The high court declined to hear an appeal by Canadian airlines of a decision by the Canadian Transportation Agency that people who are "functionally disabled by obesity" deserve to have two seats for one fare.

The airlines had lost an appeal at the Federal Court of Appeal in May and had sought to launch a fresh appeal at the Supreme Court. The court's decision not to hear a new appeal means the one-person-one-fare policy stands.

The appeal had been launched by Air Canada, Air Canada Jazz and WestJet.

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# Conjoined twin girls die during flight

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**PLANE** An airplane diverted to Halifax yesterday after a set of conjoined baby girls from Liberia died during the flight.

Delta Air Lines flight 141 was about 35 minutes off the coast of Nova Sco-

tia en route to JFK International Airport in New York City from Brussels when the twin girls' mother noticed they stopped breathing.

A doctor travelling on vacation on board the flight assisted, but was unable to revive the month-old infants.

The plane arrived in

Halifax Stanfield International Airport just after 1 p.m.

The conjoined twins had been travelling to New York City for medical treatment.

About 140 passengers were on board the aircraft. The plane departed just before 3 p.m. with everyone on board except the

twins and their mother.

Nova Scotia's medical examiner attended to the babies. The mother accompanied them after she cleared customs.

Halifax is a popular diversion spot because it's close to the trans-Atlantic air highway for European and U.S. flights, said Peter Spurway, airport authority

spokesman.

"It's not a significant diversion for an aircraft to come in here, as we saw on 9-11. We had 44 airplanes in here within a few hours," Spurway said.

Swissair Flight 111 also tried to divert to Halifax's airport before crashing off the coast of Bayswater about a decade ago.

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**Nicholson wins heritage award for work in Annapolis Royal**

Jane Nicholson has won two awards from the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia for her work on the Ruggles-Munro House in Annapolis Royal and the restoration of the Annapolis Royal train station. The Trust handed out its awards last night. **METRO HALIFAX**

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# Local



## More Canadians jumping on the bus

More people across Canada are taking the bus. Ridership on Canada's 10 largest urban transit systems was 3.6 per cent higher in September 2008 than it was the previous September. There were 131.9 million passenger trips taken in that month, generating \$232.6 million in revenue.

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## Apartment assessments trickle down to tenants

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**RENT** Darcene Tannis thinks of her Clayton Park apartment as home, but she's worried she might not be able to afford to live there much longer.

Tannis has lived in her apartment for three years and has already seen two increases of \$10 per month to pay for increased property tax. She expects it to raise at least that much over the next year.

Homeowners have a cap on assessments, but that doesn't apply to apartment buildings.

"It's extremely unfair," said Tannis. "My apartment is my home, the same as someone who's a homeowner. So why can't

**"It's extremely unfair. My apartment is my home."** Darcene Tannis

"Nobody else does that in Canada. It's more complicated than it sounds," said Service Nova Scotia Minister Jamie Muir.

Muir said apartments are already protected from raising assessments. Firstly, higher assessments count as an expense, which actually brings them back down. Secondly, apartments can deduct property tax from income, which homeowners can't do.

"For me, I pay the full price of any assessment increase. They don't necessarily do it," said Muir. "To simply say an increase in assessment is driving up rent is not so."

But Liberal Diana Whalen said a cap would help the thousands of young and elderly people who tend to live in apartments. She said apartments are classified the same as houses and condominiums and should get the same cap.

# Caution at the pump

Taxi, delivery drivers don't expect drop in prices to last

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**Call it skeptical optimism. With the price of gas on a continuous decline over the last several weeks, those who use their vehicles to make a living are getting to put more money back in their pockets.**

But for how long is the question those in the courier, taxi and delivery industry are pondering, as the price of gasoline at the pumps has fallen by more than 60 cents a litre in the last two months.

This, after the price peaked in mid-September at \$1.43 a litre.

"It's normal now, for a couple of months anyway, but who knows? It will probably be going up again in the spring," said Halifax taxi driver Esmail Ahmadvand. "It was very bad for us when it went up. Now that it is coming down, it's getting back to normal. It's just normal."

Ahmadvand estimated he was spending between \$200 and \$300 extra a month towards gasoline



Shawn Rose, co-owner of Reliable Courier, is happy to see gas prices drop, but is skeptical that the low prices will last long.

when the price in the area regularly sat around the \$1.30 a litre mark.

Extra costs were also the story for the metro-based Reliable Courier. Co-owner Shawn Rose said the company had no choice but to raise its rates when gas topped \$1.40 a litre be-

cause they couldn't find drivers to work for them.

"But we anticipate that this drop isn't going to last," Rose said. "If it lasts half the winter, it would be awesome. It would be great. But I doubt it very much if it's going to last very long."

## Another decline

- The regulated gas price for regular self-serve was expected to drop by about 4½ cents a litre last night in Halifax to a low of 81.5.

## IT firm to hire 200 full-time workers

**DARTMOUTH** About 200 full-time IT jobs are coming to Dartmouth.

The New Brunswick-based IT firm Professional Quality Assurance Ltd. is expanding to Nova Scotia over the next five years.

Employees at the independent software-testing company will make an average annual salary of \$45,000, including benefits.

Nova Scotia Business Inc., the province's private-sector-led business-development agency, is supporting the growth with a five-year payroll rebate of up to \$1.89 million.

The province is also providing \$600,000 for recruitment and training.

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## Look to Latin America, APEC says

**BUSINESS** Apparently, Latin American markets are where it's at these days. The Atlantic Provinces Economic Council (APEC) is recommending companies consider exporting to other markets than the U.S.

"There are a number of rapidly developing markets in Central and South America and the Caribbean that provide long-term business opportunities for Atlantic firms," said David Chaundy, a senior economist with APEC.

According to APEC, Atlantic Canada's merchandise sales to the Americas, excluding the U.S. and Mexico, averaged \$600 million over the past five years.

Sectors which present particular opportunities include mining, energy, IT services, training and environmental services.

But it's not for everyone, said Chaundy.

"These developing markets may not be suitable for small, inexperienced

exporters," he said.

"The infrastructure, regulatory environment and legal systems in these developing countries are not as conducive to doing business as in the United States. This creates greater challenges in terms of distributing products, hiring workers, paying taxes and enforcing contracts."

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Heavy snows and at least one motor-vehicle accident forced the closure of the Cobequid Pass section of the Trans-Canada Highway on Wednesday night. The closure left hundreds of motorists stranded on both sides of the toll section of the highway for the night.

## Hundreds stranded

1,000 cars stuck overnight in Cobequid Pass crash

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**"It's difficult to be ready every day for every event."**

Murray Scott

**A couple thousand people slept in their cars Wednesday night during a logjam on the Cobequid Pass.**

Soon after the snow started flying, a tractor-trailer jackknifed and several cars hit it.

"From there on there was just a chain reaction of vehicles stopping," said RCMP Sgt. Mark Gallagher.

Traffic was backed up for several kilometres with between 1,000 and 1,200 cars stuck on the highway.

It was a nightmare for police and tow trucks to untangle the mess.

"Some people decided they were going to start driving on the shoulder of the highway and ended up being stuck so then you had three lanes that were blocking the roadway,"

Gallagher said.

"We were left with no entrance whatsoever."

People were calling 911 asking for water and food, but there were no medical emergencies, he said.

It was early yesterday morning — 6:30 a.m. — when the first of the cars started to move.

Transportation Minister Murray Scott said members of his department would be meeting with the RCMP and Emergency Measures to go over what went wrong. He said staff was prepared but the magnitude of the storm caught everyone off guard.

"When you're in a place like Nova Scotia with such

unpredictable weather, it's difficult to be ready every day for every event," said Scott. "I do believe the department is well prepared for when winter arrives. Unfortunately, this storm hit us earlier than what was expected."

That wasn't good enough for the opposition.

"It's unacceptable for this to happen in the first place," said Liberal MLA Wayne Gaudet.

"EMO (Emergency Management Office) and the department did not work together on this last night."

Emergency Management Minister Carolyn Bolivar-Getson said her department sent out a call offering to help warn drivers, but they weren't taken up on their offer. She said she couldn't give any more details until a post-mortem was complete.

## Dancers recall 'frustrating' night in van

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**A group of dancers — one of them pregnant — waited 15 hours in their van on the Cobequid Pass on Wednesday night.**

Carolle Crooks and five others with Mocean Dance were on their way to Moncton for a show when they stopped on the highway at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. They didn't move from there until about 10 a.m. yesterday morning.

"Honestly, what was frustrating is, we had no information last night. We didn't even know why we were at a standstill," she said.

They called 911 at one point to find out there was an accident ahead.

"But no information as to how long it might be and what efforts were being done."

She said she's also frustrated that the highway was closed at around 4 p.m., but authorities didn't set up any detours or roadblocks.

"The system was not working (Wednesday) night."

Crooks said she wished she had filmed how the six of them spent that time.

"You go through phases: The first couple hours we made up some games ... and then there was a period of complete silence be-

**"We didn't even know why we were at a standstill."**

Carolle Crooks

cause you didn't know what to do," she said, adding they ran out of food and water. "And then we went through this phase where we were completely angry that we weren't getting any help."

Motorists on the other side of the highway where traffic was flowing smoothly leaned out of their windows to take photos with their cell phones.

The dancers had to cancel their Moncton show and rescheduled for April.

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# Pedestrians checking twice

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**Anyone who's ever driven down Spring Garden Road can tell you walkers own downtown Halifax.**

But after 27-year-old Jaclyn Hennessey was struck by a dump truck and killed crossing a downtown intersection Monday, some walkers have started being more cautious.

"I was totally surprised," said Sarah Greene. "I'm going to be even more careful, around large vehicles especially."

Greene works on Barrington Street and jaywalks daily to get across the street to Just Us! coffee shop. She moved here from Toronto a year ago and finds Halifax drivers polite, but says sometimes they just don't see you. "I think the way people are, maybe, they'll think about it right now, but I don't know if they'll keep thinking about it," Greene said.

Andrew Patterson also works downtown and crosses a lot of intersections each day. He agrees the death shocked Haligonians, but also thinks things will revert back to normal. "People probably don't pay as much attention as they should. I know I'm guilty of walking in front of cars dangerously," he said.

**"I'm going to be even more careful, around large vehicles especially."**

Sarah Greene

"It's one of those things that I'll think about now

for a month or so and be cautious of it, but then sort of forget about it after a while."

Ryan van Horne crosses the intersection where Hennessey was killed on a daily basis. He thinks the tragedy will make some people think — and look — twice.

"Both motorists and pedestrians need to be more careful. It's a two-way street," he said.

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A pedestrian crosses Lower Water Street yesterday.

## Businesses still being optimistic, despite economy

**ST. JOHN'S** Donna Stone, president of the St. John's Board of Trade, says the global financial crisis and economic slowdown will likely have some effect on the province, but businesses are still optimistic about their opportunities for growth. Stone gave the lunchtime address at the Rotary Club of St. John's, N.L. yesterday.

"The market for borrowing has certainly tightened and this effect is being seen all over. The Board of Trade is certainly aware of the possibility that Newfoundland and Labrador's economy may experience some spin-off effects of this," Stone said.

"Our resource-based economy, combined with regulation in Canadian financial industry, may give us some help in this regard, but we probably will not go unscathed."

On the international markets, oil prices have dipped below \$50 a barrel.

Stone said that because the provincial government's revenues were based on \$87 dollars a barrel and the price remained well above that for the first half of the year, the province will not fall short of their revenue predictions. **THE TELEGRAM**

## Charges laid after attempted murder

**CHARGES** A 49-year-old Baddeck man has been charged with attempted murder in connection with a shooting Tuesday night in an apartment on Chebucto Street in Baddeck.

Ernest Joseph Carmichael will appear in Sydney provincial court this morning charged with attempting to murder Kevin Ernest Henze, using a shotgun.

Henze, 47, was taken to the Victoria County Memorial Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

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**Reversing lane on Chebucto Road plan delayed until weather clears**

The long-anticipated, controversial reversing lane on Chebucto Road won't start up until the weather clears. The rain and snow means city crews haven't been able to paint the white line markings that will let drivers know where they're going. **METRO HALIFAX**



A Christmas tree is at the centre of a controversy for the province after officials decided to send it on a 14-hour road trip rather than take the annual gift to Boston on the Digby ferry.

## Digby ferry ignored in tree move

MLA mad government opted for long haul over boat trip

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### O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, why must you cause political turmoil?

The government was left shrugging its shoulders yesterday over questions of how it sends its annual Christmas gift to Boston.

Every year, the province sends a tree as a token of thanks for Boston's help during the Halifax explosion. This year's tree, a 14-metre white spruce, was taken from Craig and Marina Cook of Clementsvalle.

The government could have driven the tree a half-hour down the road and used the oft-threatened Digby ferry. The tree would have gotten there faster, and the struggling ferry that's received millions of dollars of public support would have got some business.

That didn't happen.

Instead, the tree was driven approximately 14 hours around the bay. Digby-Annapolis MLA Harold Theri-

**"The ferry is there and if we can use it, we should be using it."**

Transportation Minister Murray Scott

ault was none too pleased. "The Digby boat was right there, that we're trying to build business for. I thought the province was behind us to build up business," he said. "The federal government says use it or lose it. I guess the provincial government didn't hear."

This time, the government agreed with the opposition.

"It's a very good question, and it's certainly something I'll attempt to find out today as to why we didn't. My understanding is there was some other equipment that had to be picked up here in Halifax," said Transportation Minister Murray Scott.

"But it's a very good question. The ferry is there and if we can use it, we should be using it."

## Six charged with drug trafficking in Digby

**ARRESTS** Digby RCMP have charged six people with possession of drugs for the purposes of trafficking after four searches in the area yesterday morning.

Investigators seized cocaine, marijuana, cash,

five vehicles and a firearm after the searches, which were carried out with Halifax Regional Police.

The six accused will appear in provincial court at a later date.

**METRO HALIFAX**

## City aims to profit from old library

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**FUNDING** A consultant is looking into how the current downtown library site can help pay for the new one.

City council approved a plan Tuesday night to spend \$100,000 to engage outside help to look into money-making opportunities at the current library

### Design competition

The \$400,000 council approved in this year's budget to go towards a design competi-

tion for a new library will also go to a consultant to look into the funding scenarios.

Staff proposed several

scenarios, including selling or leasing the current library building and adjacent parking lot lands to help offset the cost of the pricey \$45-million Central Library. Re-purposing it for HRM use is another possibility. Staff

also suggested implementing a dedicated library tax.

Downtown Coun. Dawn Sloane said she would like to explore a partnership with Dalhousie University to make the building into a planning and development centre for students and the public.

She disagreed with the possibility of selling the building, which was built in 1951 as a memorial to casualties of the world wars.

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# Food drive a holiday miracle

**It was a record-breaking day for the Joy of Giving Food Drive on Wednesday, as 34,528 pounds of food was collected for the Colchester Food Bank.**

"I've already had Christmas. Today was my day. I am just tinkled pink," said food bank co-ordinator Mary DeAdder.

She was worried about the coming months, given the economic uncertainty the community, country and world is facing.

"I just didn't think that the community had the money or the food out there to give us," she said. "Yet they just rallied behind us and beside us all over again. I am just blown right out of the water."

The drive began in 2002

as a way to ensure all those in need had food through the Christmas holiday. It's now a one-day blitz.

The day started with a \$10,000 donation from the Truro and District Li-

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Mary DeAdder,  
food bank co-ordinator

tal amount of food donated.

The donations will help support food bank clients. DeAdder said last December they served 874 families and it is expecting about the same this year.

**THE TRURO DAILY NEWS**

# Local charity group wins national award

**EXCELLENCE** Alice Housing, a Dartmouth charity that helps house women leaving violent home situations, has been recognized by the Donner Canadian Foundation as one of the best non-profits in the country.

And that comes with a reward — the agency will share a \$20,000 award with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peterborough, Ont., which tied for top performing non-profit.

It also won the award for excellence in the provision of basic necessities, which brought an additional \$5,000 prize.

Six hundred agencies applied for the awards.

The Donner Awards were started in 1998 to reward excellence in social-service agencies. They're administered by the Fraser Institute. This year, they gave away \$70,000 in prize money.

**METRO HALIFAX**

## News in brief

**WIND** Scotian Windfields and Skypower have already revamped the map that was released at the municipality's council meeting on Nov. 10 — showing the proposed locations of 20 wind turbines on Digby Neck. The new improved version shows the turbines originally planned for Red Head re-situated north of Highway 217 on properties owned by Fred and Sharon Ross and Jerry

Schofield.

**AUCTION** You'll have to wait to get a good deal on a used tractor. The province's surplus equipment auction, scheduled for tomorrow in Dartmouth, has been postponed until further notice. For more information on auctions, visit [www.gov.ns.ca/tran/govservices/govauction.asp](http://www.gov.ns.ca/tran/govservices/govauction.asp).

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# Making a difference

## Two Nova Scotians heading to climate change conference

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**Halifax will be represented at the United Nations Climate Change conference in Poland next month.**

Jessica Wishart, 22, is one of two Nova Scotian youths who will be attending the international summit. Wishart and Wolfville native Thea Whitman are attending the conference with the Canadian Youth Delegation.

They will be observers, but Wishart says they will still have a role to play.

"Our role as a delegation will be to lobby our government to take a more proactive stance within the negotiations," she said.

They will mingle with delegates, develop policy positions and organize photo ops to get the media's attention.

"It's also really nice to feel involved in the issue and to feel as youth that we're contributing something positive to these negotiations," she said.

This is Wishart's third

trip to the annual climate change conference. Last year it was in Bali, Indonesia, and the year before in Nairobi, Kenya.

### Kyoto Phase 2

- The purpose of these negotiations is to develop a plan for Phase 2 of the Kyoto Protocol, which ends in 2012.

"I'm not sure who's going to be there this year, but last year Leonardo DiCaprio was there, George Clooney, Al Gore and Arnold Schwarzenegger," she said.

"We were really hoping that (U.S. president-elect) Barack Obama was going to come, but, unfortunately, because he's not taking of-

fice until the new year, it wouldn't be politically appropriate for him to be there."

But, Obama has promised action on climate change, giving Wishart hope the international willingness to work together will gain momentum.

"Unfortunately, Canada has not been pulling its weight, but we see the European Union is on track to meet its Kyoto targets."

Wishart, a former Dalhousie University student, now works for the non-profit group Taking it Global. Her work focuses on engaging youth on issues.



Jessica Wishart will be heading to Poland for next month's United Nations Climate Change conference. Wishart is one of two Nova Scotians attending the conference with the Canadian Youth Delegation.



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Conrad Black appeals to Bush for help

Deposed media baron Conrad Black is hoping George W. Bush will grant him clemency during the U.S. president's final weeks in office. The Department of Justice in Washington has confirmed that Montreal-born Black requested that his 6½-year sentence be commuted. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

# Canada

**“This is who I am and yeah, I’ve got some scars.”**

Liberal leadership candidate Bob Rae talking about his time in office as the NDP premier of Ontario.



## Liberal poll

An Angus Reid poll shows Michael Ignatieff enjoys a slight lead over Rae as the candidate that would bring the Liberal party the most votes in a federal election.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Tories project coming deficit

The Canadian government will run a budget deficit for the first time in over a decade as the economy slides into a mild recession, the new parliamentary budget officer predicted yesterday.

The gloomy outlook provided by Kevin Page, the budget officer, provided ammunition for the Liberals, who accused Prime Minister Stephen Harper of irresponsible spending and poor economic stewardship.

“The most interesting point was the statement in black and white that this deficit is not because of a global economic situation,

but its entirely because of actions taken by the Harper government,” said Liberal legislator John McCallum.

“It’s a made-in-Canada Stephen Harper deficit,” he said.



John McCallum

Based on the average forecast of private-sector economists, the report forecasts a deficit of \$3.9 billion in the 2009-10 fiscal year starting April 1, a deficit of \$1.4 billion in 2010-11, followed by small surpluses in the next two years.

Page is predicting deficits of between \$12 billion and \$14 billion in each of the next four years.

REUTERS

## Washington Auto bailout



Industry Minister Tony Clement, right, speaks to the media about the auto industry with Ontario Economic Development Minister Michael Bryant in front of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, yesterday. Clement spent the day meeting with officials in Washington about government bailouts for automakers.

JIM BOURG/REUTERS

# Parti Québécois pushing for new language laws

Separist Parti Québécois leader Pauline Marois proposed that Quebec adopt a new Bill 101, put in place by her party in 1977. The new law would require smaller businesses with up to 50 employees be able to operate in French. Currently only those with more than 50 employees are subject to the law.

## Election

• The Liberals hold a significant lead over the Parti Québécois in the runoff to their Dec. 8 provincial election.

leader has put sovereignty law.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## News in brief

**SPENDING** Officials with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities yesterday pitched an ambitious plan that would see the Tories inject \$3 billion into infrastructure spending and create 100,000 new jobs.

**KILLING** Canada will keep pressing Saudi Arabia not to execute Canadian Mohamed Kohail, 23, who has been sentenced to death by beheading for a killing, the foreign ministry said yesterday.

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**Shanghai tower named year's best skyscraper**

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# World

**Jewel sets record**

A large Kashmir sapphire ring set a world record at auction yesterday, fetching nearly \$3.5 million US, but half of the jewels on offer failed to sell in a market shaken by the financial crisis, Christie's said. **REUTERS**

## Auto stakeholders hold breath as bailout delayed

Wall Street was hostage to the rapidly changing news of a possible rescue for the U.S. auto industry, with the stock market rising on news of a tentative bipartisan deal in Congress for a \$25-billion US package for Detroit and then falling to new lows when the deal ran into trouble.

Automakers held out hope. After the end of the trading day, the White House announced it could back a compromise plan pushed by Michigan sena-

**Low crude prices a mixed blessing**

• In what would normally be a good sign for consumers but now signals weaker global

tors to help by using \$25 billion in Energy Department loans for greener cars, and urged Congress to act quickly.

U.S. automakers said they will meet Democratic demands to offer a plan to return to profitability, and lawmakers said it could be

growth, U.S. crude futures plunged 9.5 per cent, falling as low as \$48.50 a barrel.

considered the week of Dec. 8. In more bad news for the battered U.S. economy, the number of U.S. workers on jobless rolls surged to the highest in a quarter century, prompting Congress to extend benefits for the long-term unemployed. **REUTERS**

## Pledge caps climate summit in California

**ENVIRONMENT** Impatient with the pace of national governments in fighting global climate change, 13 U.S. state governors joined counterparts from six other countries to pledge co-

operation to curtail Earth-warming greenhouse gas emissions.

The declaration, issued by California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, capped a two-day climate change

summit he hosted in Beverly Hills. "We will make the tough decisions to restore our planet's health," Schwarzenegger said in addressing the conference. **REUTERS**

## Rome Fighting domestic violence



A group of women wearing wedding dresses splattered with red dye pose yesterday while publicizing a demonstration to be held this weekend against domestic violence in Rome.

**News in brief**

**THAILAND** The leader of the long-running anti-government People's Alliance for Democracy in Thailand called for a major rally on Sunday to oust the administration after one of its supporters was killed in a

grenade attack yesterday.

**CANCER** A national screening program in Finland has detected about 40 per cent of colon cancers early, showing that such tests can make a difference, Finnish researchers

reported yesterday.

**GUANTANAMO** Five of six Algerians held nearly seven years at the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba must be released, a federal judge ruled yesterday. **REUTERS**

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# A bad sign

Store takes bets on Obama's life

**Passions flared in a Maine town yesterday over a sign in a store asking customers to place bets on an assassination of President-elect Barack Obama.**

The town council in Standish condemned the sign yesterday in a 6-0 vote and declared it reprehensible at a meeting where some residents defended the store owner, saying he had a right to free speech even if in bad taste, local authorities said.

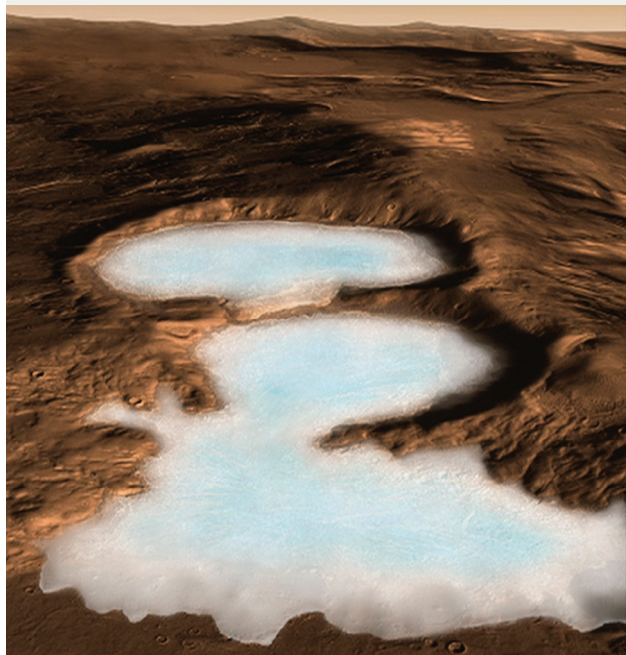
"The town of Standish condemns in the strongest terms any such alleged activity calling for violence

against any individual no matter their position, race or ethnicity," said the resolution posted on the town's website.

The sign in the Oak Hill General Store asked customers to place a \$1 bet on the date of Obama's assassination, and said "Let's hope someone wins," the Portland Press Herald reported. It was called the "Osama Obama Shotgun Pool."

The store in the town of 9,285 people in southwest Maine has remained closed since reports of the sign appeared in the media on Sunday. **REUTERS**

## Mars Ice ice baby



An artist's conception shows what NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter has revealed: Vast Martian glaciers of ice under protective blankets of rocky debris at much lower latitudes than any ice previously identified on the Red Planet. Data from the spacecraft's ground-penetrating radar indicates buried glaciers extend for dozens of miles. **REUTERS**

## Powerful quake could cause 'catastrophic' damage: FEMA

People in a vast seismic zone in the southern and midwestern U.S. would face catastrophic damage if a major earthquake struck, a FEMA report said yesterday.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency said if earthquakes strike in the New Madrid Seismic Zone, they would cause "the highest economic losses due to a natural disaster in the United States."

ed States."

FEMA predicted a large earthquake would cause "widespread and catastrophic physical damage" across Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee — home to about 44 million people.

The zone is subject to frequent mild earthquakes. **REUTERS**

## News in brief

**REPORT** The CIA obstructed inquiries into its role in the shooting down of an aircraft carrying a family of U.S. missionaries in Peru in 2001, the agency's inspector general has concluded. Unclassified portions of the report were made public yesterday by U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra.

**OIL** The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals blocked a major oil-drilling program in the Beaufort Sea yesterday, ruling that federal officials failed to address environmental impacts when they granted permission to Shell Oil to drill wells over a three-year period. **REUTERS**



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## Comment

# The have-not's lament

## OmniVision

**Rick McGinnis**

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Ontarians have had enough to distract them over the last few months, to be sure — there have been two election campaigns, an economic meltdown and two seasons of *So You Think You Can Dance*, after all. You can't escape history, though, and with the early snowfall comes the reminder that we're in for a long winter, and our first since Michael Jackson's *Thriller* was released that we're going to be a welfare province.

The rest of the country was looking up the word "Schadenfreude" earlier this year, when it was announced that the province they loved to hate had slipped into the economic

classification known as a "have-not" member of Confederation, and that Upper Canada would be due for transfer payments as part of some inscrutable federal formula. The news kept Rick Mercer going on overdrive for weeks.

This week, former premier Mike Harris wrote an editorial in the *National Post* mourning that "Ontario isn't just on the edge of a fiscal and economic crisis — we've toppled over a cliff, and no one really knows how far down we might fall." On the same day, the province's Tory opposition released MPP Ted Chudleigh's poem about the province's fiscal situation in an e-mail.

"Ontario, the land of my birth," Chudleigh writes, "For decades, the centre of fortune and mirth/Where hard work and sacrifice defined our self-worth/Where none could imagine dependence and dearth." Doggerel, to be sure, and hardly likely to elicit sympathy from the rest of the coun-

**There are ... so many more ways we could ... "spread the wealth" without inspiring resentment from Peggy's Cove to Granby Bay.**

try, but it suggests a creative solution to the crisis that hasn't been explored.

While the province counts down till the start of the next fiscal year and the \$347 million due from Ottawa, we're also bracing ourselves for the inevitable jeers and scorn from the rest of the country. It doesn't have to be this way; there are, after all, so many more ways we could, in Barack Obama's phrase, "spread the wealth" without inspiring resentment from Peggy's Cove to Granby Bay.

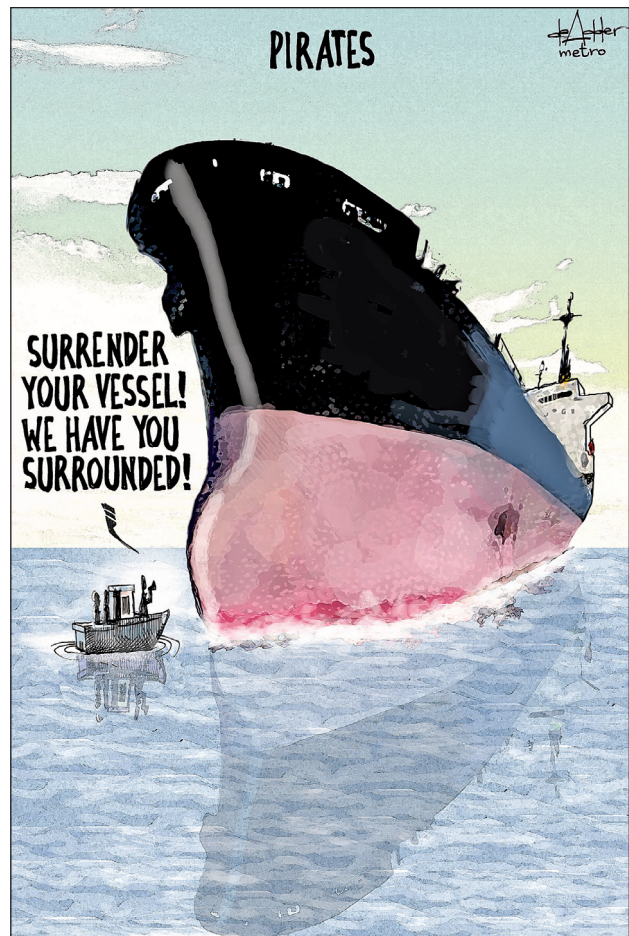
Surely the Atlantic provinces could spare us a few decent poets to relieve us from versifying such as

Chudleigh's, and can't creative surpluses in the rest of the country be alleviated at little more than the cost of a flight to Toronto on Westjet or Porter?

Montreal has no shortage of dance companies, and Winnipeg can certainly spare a few film collectives. Calgary has its share of surly salespeople — can't they find positions in Gap stores all around the Golden Horseshoe? As for British Columbia, they've been doing their bit for years, sending Ontario discrete shipments of BC Big Bud and Merville Blueberry along with their spare bassists and film set drivers.

All I'm saying is that being a have-not province doesn't mean Ontario has to be resented by the rest of the country; considering what we'd get in exchange, I think we'd deserve your pity.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.



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## Letters

**Bozena Siedlecka, PORT MOODY, B.C.**

It seems to me that soon a time will come when the Supreme Court of Canada, in the name of non-discrimination, will decide on women's demand that buying tickets to sport events, for instance, and watching it is a mandatory for everyone.

I did not know that a sport like ski jumping, for instance, is a legitimate job governed by some kind of industry which is obligated by law to employ women regardless of public interest.

If women ski jumpers want to jump, they should seek interested parties to sponsor them. I think the Supreme Court should stay away from this.

**B. Bailey, BURLINGTON, ONT.**

As a daily commuter, I'm quite familiar with Metro and Rick McGinnis' columns. I just want to pass on positive vibes by saying I love his writing style and appreciate the humour.

Thanks for making the commute (more) bearable, and for being arguably the most credible movie reviewer that Metro has.

**Christine Arcand Godin, BOURGET, ONT.**

Re: Tougher rules for seniors?, Nov. 19

Senior drivers respect the law more than younger drivers because their parents taught them the meaning of respect for others as well as good manners.

Being a senior doesn't mean we all drive our cars into telephone poles because our hair turning white made us go insane.

Ms. Christine Williams should know that seniors have to undergo exams and tests after 65, for eyesight and other health-related driving risks — it is the law.

It's the law for younger drivers that is criminally lax.

## Views

# Thank God, it's family dinner night



**Bonnie Stern**

Family meals are making a big comeback. Everyone is looking for comfort, camaraderie and a trusting environment. Where have we gotten with everyone fending for themselves, letting big companies provide home meal replacements, dining out all the time and buying exotic, expensive ingredients?

With our current economy, family meals make a lot of sense. When you entertain, invite guests to be part of a family meal rather than a Saturday night extravaganza. Guests feel honoured to be invited into your family and they love to help with cooking — even with the dishes!

You can serve reasonably priced ingredients, you don't have to have fancy flowers or table settings and you don't have to feel guilty about it.

In the last few years, people have become more and more suspect of the safety of our food, our environment and of the world in general. Large companies preparing countless amounts of food are bound to have problems at one time or another. When you cook for yourself you have more control, know the quality of your ingredients and don't have to worry about the food keeping forever. You can buy locally-produced foods and help pro-

tect the environment as well as your family.

When you buy prepared foods it is pretty hard to pass recipes down to your children. Your children will probably repeat your model. And if the company you use goes out of business, there won't be any more traditional family recipes.

A family dinner is the time to celebrate your family's accomplishments and discuss any problems. I like Friday night for many reasons, but one is that it's a great time to discuss the week gone by while it's still fresh in everyone's mind. Then you can say goodbye to it and welcome the weekend. Family dinners create family values and in



times of uncertainty, it helps to have people around you that you can trust.

People are looking for emotional connections so desperately that even strangers are getting together to cook and eat meals together. Pot-luck dinners are the entertaining style of the year and even television shows, like the hit *Gossip Girl*, are promoting family dinners.

So invite your friends to join your family or create a family for yourself from the different "families" you belong to (alumni groups, work groups, book clubs, etc.). When people realize how good it feels to gather around the table and feel taken care of, they will turn around and do the same things with other people. Try it. It's catching on.

Bonnie Stern is a teacher, columnist, author and one of Canada's top food experts. Her latest book is *Friday Night Dinners* (Random House Canada.)

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# Business

EDITOR: FERMIN DESOUZA, FERMIN.DESOUZA@METRONEWS.CA

## Whatever it takes to save the economy, PM promises

Canada will take whatever fiscal and monetary measures are needed to combat the effects of the global financial crisis, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yesterday, predicting more economic gloom to come.

Harper also told Parliament that the Conservative government would not balance the budget by raising taxes or cutting essential services in a time of upheaval.

"World governments have resolved that they will undertake whatever financial, monetary and budgetary measures are necessary to cope with the crisis, and let me be clear — this is also the position of the government of Canada," Harper said.

He also promised short-term stimulus for the economy amid a U.S. recession.

**"We have been affected and will be further affected."**

Stephen Harper

"We have been affected and we will be further affected, particularly given that our closest neighbor and largest trading partner is the epicenter of the financial earthquake and global slowdown," Harper said.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said Ottawa may consider providing economic stimulus through additional investments in infrastructure projects. That would be on top of \$16 billion in spending already pledged in the last budget and which Flaherty hopes to disburse more quickly than initially planned. **REUTERS**

## CRTC OKs traffic throttling

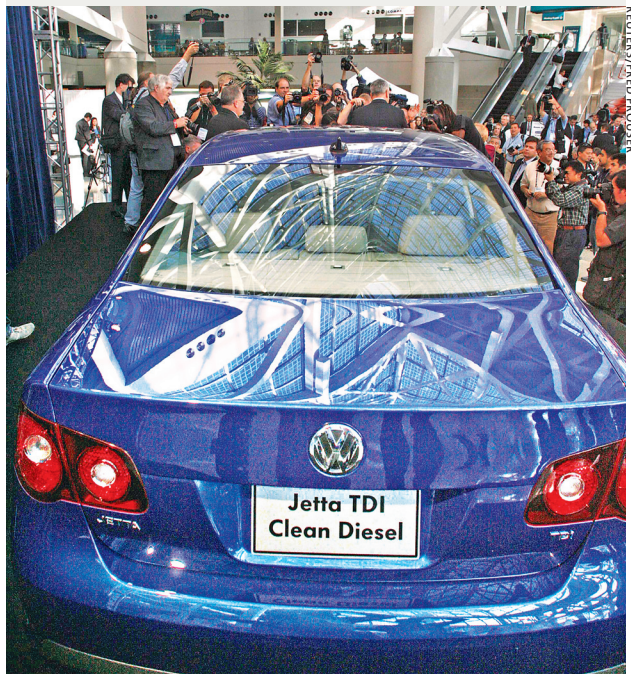
**INTERNET** Canada's telecoms watchdog has sided with BCE Inc. and its subsidiary Bell Canada in letting the company slow down certain file-sharing traffic — known as traffic throttling or shaping — on wholesale networks it leases to smaller service providers.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission also

said yesterday that BCE will now have to notify wholesale customers at least 30 days in advance of making performance-affecting changes.

The Canadian Association of Internet Providers, which filed the complaint, say it's not just file sharing to blame: Internet radio or YouTube have also been affected by traffic shaping. **REUTERS**

## L.A. Green diesel heralded



Photographers crowd around a Volkswagen 2009 Jetta TDI on stage after it was named Green Car Journal's 2009 Green Car of the Year at the L.A. Auto Show in California yesterday. This is the first time that a clean diesel model has been given the award.

## Business in brief

**OIL** Alberta's concession to the oil industry to lower royalties failed yesterday to prevent a 15 per cent drop in energy stocks, which hit their lowest levels in more than four years on tumbling oil and gas prices. The drop was a big factor in the TSX's 9-point slide yesterday.

**CURRENCY** The Canadian government reiterated a call yesterday for the revaluation of exchange rates of key Asian countries including China —

noting the yuan needs to rise. A senior official said a number of world leaders had raised concerns over global imbalances and said exchange rates were one of the factors.

**TRADE** Canada's wholesale trade unexpectedly rose in September, increasing 1.5 per cent on auto sales rebounds, Statistics Canada said. The volume of sales rose 1 per cent. Economists had predicted a 0.3 per cent decline. **REUTERS**

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**Mussina hangs up his spikes**

New York Yankees right-hander Mike Mussina, 39, as expected, retired yesterday after 18 seasons in the major leagues. The first-round pick of the Orioles in 1990 completed his career with a 270-153 record and a 3.68 ERA to go along with seven Gold Gloves. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Sports

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## Als' Calvillo stands out

Montreal Alouettes quarterback Anthony Calvillo, left, took home the CFL's Most Outstanding Player award last night, beating out his Grey Cup counterpart, Calgary's Henry Burris. B.C.'s Cameron Wake was named Outstanding Defensive Player, Edmonton's Kamau Peterson won Outstanding Canadian and Toronto's Dominique Dorsey captured the Outstanding Special Teams Player award. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## All signs point to a Grey Cup Stampede

### YorkReport

**Marty York**

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### Shades of Grey

• For Grey Cup notes and nuggets, check out Marty York's latest CFL Report, exclusively at metronews.ca.

Seven reasons that explain why the **Calgary Stampeders** will defeat the **Montreal Alouettes** in Sunday's Grey Cup game at Olympic Stadium:

- Defence wins championships. And the Stamps' defensive unit, sparked by linebacker **JoJuan Armour** and lineman **Mike Labinjo**, was the stingiest in the CFL this season. The B.C. Lions couldn't even notch a TD against Calgary in last week's Western final, and that's unusual in the high-scoring CFL. Calgary's defence subscribes to a bend-but-don't-break mentality, drummed into the unit by defensive co-ordinator **Chris Jones**, who spent the past seven years as a Montreal assistant coach.

- A clutch kick could do the trick. The Stamps' **Sandro DeAngelis** led the CFL in scoring this season. He also established himself as the league's most dependable kicker. And clutch field goals historically have been key — and often dramatic — components of Grey Cup victories. Als kicker **Damon Duval** is no slouch, but he became inconsistent this season and missed several chip-shot opportunities.

- Home-field disadvantage. This will surprise you, I suspect, but playing in Montreal won't hurt the

Stamps a lick. Since 1958, when the CFL was officially formed, teams competing in the Grey Cup in their home city are 3-5. Besides, **Olympic Stadium** isn't really the Als' home. They play their games at **Percival Molson Stadium**. As for the so-called 13th man in the stands, the Stamps have prepared themselves by pumping taped, near-deafening sounds into the P.A. system during practices at Olympic Stadium this week.

- The Stamps sure can score. No CFL team is more explosive. **Joffrey Reynolds** was the CFL's leading rusher; **Ken-Yon Rambo**, its leading receiver.

- Calvillo's crashes. The Montreal QB doesn't exactly have a great Grey Cup record. This will be his sixth championship game in a nine-year span. He has won only once before.

- Coaching. Montreal's **Marc Trestman** exceeded expectations in his first CFL year, no question, but Calgary's **John Hufnagel** has oodles of CFL experience and knows exactly what Grey Cup week entails.

- Moi. Heck, I picked the Stamps in print to capture the Cup before training camp started this season. I'm not changing my mind now.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

## Habs down Sens

Tanguay scores game-winner in shootout

### HOCKEY RESULTS

Montreal 3 | Ottawa 2 (SO)



**Alex Tanguay** notched the game-winner in the shootout as **Montreal** clipped **Ottawa**, 3-2, at **Scotiabank Place** in **Ottawa** last night.

After Ottawa's Antoine Vermette missed his opportunity wide of the net, Tanguay skated at an odd angle down the centre of the ice on his chance, showing backhand all the way. Despite Sens goaltender Alex Auld sliding in the crease, the veteran winger was able to push his shot through the pads for the winner.

Saku Koivu and Andrei



Carey Price of the Montreal Canadiens makes a glove save during last night's game against the Ottawa Senators.

Markov scored in regulation for the Canadiens, winners in two of three. Carey Price made 23 saves for his ninth win of the year.

Dany Heatley and Nick

Foligno lit the lamp for the Senators, who have dropped a season-worst six games in a row. Auld took the loss despite a 19-save performance.

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Calgary vs. Montreal

### Sports in brief

**MLB** The Philadelphia Phillies announced yesterday that half of its starting infield — all-star second baseman Chase Utley and third baseman Pedro Feliz — will undergo surgery.

**MLB** Major League Baseball owners approved a shift of control of the New York Yankees from George Steinbrenner to his son Hal yesterday.

**NFL** The Cincinnati Bengals deactivated wide receiver Chad Johnson for their Thursday night game against the division rival Steelers for violation of a team rule.

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The lineup for the Canadian Progress Club's 37th sports celebrity at the Cunard Centre on Feb. 5 is complete. Hockey Hall of Famers Bryan Trottier and Frank Mahovlich are the latest to confirm and will join Dennis Rodman, Jim Kelly and Adam van Koevorden at the head table. **METRO HALIFAX**

## Tennis Nestor helps raise funds for future stars



RYAN TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX

Canadian tennis star Daniel Nestor returns a serve against Peter Polansky during the Raising a Racquet for Kids fundraiser at the Courtyard Club last night. Money raised from the event will support the Atlantic Training Program which helps develop the region's top young tennis players.

## Huskies' Zelinsky named first-team all-Canadian

**AUS FOOTBALL** Saint Mary's Huskies defensive back Jeff Zelinski was named a first-team all-Canadian yesterday.

Zelinski, who was an Atlantic University Sport all-star for the fourth-straight

season, was the only member of the Huskies to get a first-team nod after leading the conference with five interceptions.

Three Huskies cracked the second team: Defensive tackle Dan Schutte, defen-

sive back Joel Lipinski, and offensive lineman Bryan Jordan.

Halifax's James Green, a running back with the St. Francis Xavier X-Men, also earned a second-team nod.

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# Youngsters lead Dal over SMU

## Tigers rally to win final two sets

**MATTHEW WUEST**  
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**Youth is the word with the Dalhousie Tigers women's volleyball team, and it shined brightly last night.**

First-year standouts Courtney Giesbrecht and Lauren Schinkel paved the way as the Tigers earned an intense five-set victory over the Saint Mary's Huskies at Dalplex.

The rookie-laden Tigers belied their youth under pressure, rallying from a 2-1 deficit to win the final two sets. Giesbrecht had 11 kills and seven digs, while Schinkel had 15 kills and four aces — including the match-winning point.

"My heart was racing the whole time," Giesbrecht said. "It's stressful, your adrenaline's pumping, but you just have to focus in and say, 'OK, let's get the next point.' No matter which point it is, first or last, they're all important."

The Tigers have seven rookies — four in the starting lineup — and they're handling the nerves well. They're off to a 5-2 start versus Atlantic University Sport competition.

Fellow freshmen Lauren Smith (30 digs) and Kirstie Shepherd (nine kills) chipped in, while veterans Maggie Morrison (nine kills) and Robyn West (10 digs) also played a role.

"We're jelling well and we've excelled really quickly for being such a young team," said Giesbrecht.

Dal hired Rick Scott as head coach in the off-season, and the Warren, Man., native has overhauled a program that had fallen on tough times after



RYAN TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX

Dalhousie's Kirstie Shepherd, left, spikes the ball past Saint Mary's Bryanne Hogue during last night's game at the Dalplex.

winning an AUS title in 2005.

In fact, Giesbrecht and Schinkel are two of his top recruits, both from his own backyard in Manitoba. Both played for Winnipeg's Junior Bisons, a club team Scott coached against.

"He's a very passionate coach and he really cares about everything and everyone," said the five-foot-11 Schinkel. "He knows his stuff and he's really into it."

With so much youth,

and results like last night's becoming a regular occurrence, the Tigers are on the rise, and they're excited about what they might accomplish.

"We've come so far already," Schinkel said. "We're just going to get better, together, every year."

Kerri Smit had a 23-kill, 17-dig outing for the Huskies, 4-5. Janesse Boudreau added 14 kills and five digs and Alison Beaver chipped in with eight kills and 12 digs.

## Mooseheads' evaluation not Dunn

**QMJHL** The Halifax Mooseheads will take free-agent defenceman Jeremy Dunn with them on their weekend road trip.

The six-foot-three, 192-pound 18-year-old has agreed to travel with the team to continue being evaluated in a bid for a Quebec Major Junior Hockey League ros-

ter spot.

Dunn had a goal, five assists and 24 penalty minutes in 14 games at the Ontario junior B level this season.

Halifax visits the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles tonight at 7 p.m. and the Saint John Sea Dogs on Sunday at 4 p.m.

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## Sports in brief

**CIS** Laval Rouge et Or quarterback Benoit Groulx was named Canadian Interuniversity Sport football's Hec Crighton Trophy winner as player of the year. He threw for 2,385 yards, 12 touchdowns and just two interceptions this season.

**HOCKEY** Former Halifax Mooseheads goalie Jonathan Boutin of the Victoria Salmon Kings has been named the East Coast Hockey League goaltender of the week. **METRO HALIFAX**

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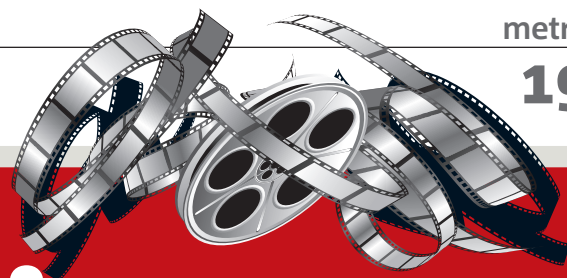
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Twilight is already guaranteed an audience in theatres with an established fan base — mainly teenaged girls. Those who adore the literary vampire love story will not be disappointed. Everyone else will just wonder what the fuss is about.

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## A doggone good tale

## Bolt

**Director:** Chris Williams, Byron Howard

**Starring:** John Travolta, Miley Cyrus

**Classification:** G

**Rating:** ●●●●●

STEVE GOW  
for Metro Canada



John Travolta provides the voice for title doggy Bolt.

**REVIEW** I must admit my initial reaction to John Travolta voicing a cute, cuddly puppy in Bolt wasn't one of anticipation. To me, it seemed a role fit more for Zac Efron than Danny Zuko but then, Bolt is not your average animated hit.

The movie starts off benign enough: A young girl named Penny (voiced by Miley Cyrus) falls in love with a pet store pup named Bolt (John Travolta). But it just as suddenly jumps five years and into the framework of what might be best described as a James Bond movie for Jack Russell Terriers.

Here, we find out Bolt is

not only gifted with powers that include a "superbark," but that the showbiz doggy doesn't realize its all part of a TV production. However, after Bolt is accidentally shipped across America, he discovers his true mortality and must journey home to his beloved owner.

Essentially, this tale about the unyielding loyalty of canines is as charming and heart-tugging as any Disney movie out there. Even better, the film excels in skill, depth and maturity equaling that of Wall-E and Ratatouille. Not

really surprising since Pixar's brilliant chief John Lasseter is now running Disney's animation department as well.

While reticent about Travolta, his voice is actually a comforting fit for the disillusioned doggy. But Disney's story artist-turned-voiceover talent Mark Walton is the true scene-stealer in Bolt. Playing a hefty hamster that joins his TV idol on the cross-country trek, Walton's Rhino is sure to have audiences screaming "fully awesome" and giving Bolt a big boost at the box office.

## The Twilight zone

## Twilight

**Director:** Catherine Hardwicke

**Starring:** Kristin Stewart, Robert Pattinson

**Classification:** PG

**Rating:** ●●●

PHIL BROWN  
for Metro Canada



Robert Pattinson plays Edward in the film Twilight.

**With an established fan base — mainly populated by teenaged girls — the literary phenomenon Twilight is already guaranteed an audience in theatres.**

Chances are, that ready-made audience will like the film, but sadly, anyone hoping for a youth fantasy that can crossover to general audiences, a la Harry Potter, will be disappointed.

It's not that Catherine Hardwicke's film is terrible, it's just a movie with a very selective audience appeal.

Kristin Stewart stars as Bella, a young girl who moves to a small town and becomes instantly captivated by a classmate named Edward (Robert Pattinson), who is part of a very peculiar and insular family known as the Cullens.

As Bella becomes more attracted to Edward, she discovers that the Cullens are a clan of vampires ... but very safe emo-vampires who only drink animal blood and spend most

of their time silently emoting and looking pretty rather than preying on helpless victims.

Thus begins an epic tale of forbidden love that has made the hearts of millions of teenage girls swoon.

The main problem with the film is how completely uninteresting Edward can be. All he seems to be capable of doing is appearing attractive and emotionally conflicted simultaneously.

It also doesn't help that forbidden vampire love has been a cornerstone of the genre since Dracula, making the plot very old and predictable. The only curveball is the fact that

this story takes place with contemporary teens (hence the fan base).

Catherine Hardwicke is a talented filmmaker (see Thirteen) and fills the movie with enough exciting visuals to keep things entertaining while coaxing solid performances out of the cast. But it's just not enough to elevate the film above a predictable storyline.

That said, if you're a fan of the franchise you'll probably enjoy the movie. However, if you're one of the many asking, "What's this Twilight thing all about?", then you should skip the film. You're better off not knowing.

## Quote of the week

"The fight sequences always pose a certain challenge, and if you're not physically sort of ready, if you don't hit the gym and you're not stretched out, you're going to get injured very quickly. So it's basically, you learn that from making the first one, that you have to be very efficient with your preparations. So, we try to give as much time as we can, way, way before we start the first filming."

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**Disney picks up The Most Annoying Man in the World**

Disney has picked up *The Most Annoying Man in the World* by Kevin Kopelow and Heath Seifert. Plot details are being kept under wraps, but *Annoying* is described as a broad comedy in the vein of *Trains, Planes and Automobiles*. **REUTERS**

**Reel Time**

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# Cue the music, it's an epic film

JIM REYNO  
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"They always seem to have those big, symphonic scores," associate professor of film Patricia Gruben says on the phone from Simon Fraser University in Vancouver. But there are other things an epic movie requires. Check out the media release for the latest epic, Baz Luhrmann's *Australia*: "With his new film, Luhrmann is painting on a vast canvas, creating a cinematic experience that

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brings together romance, drama, adventure and spectacle," Gruben says.

"It looks like it's got all the ingredients," she says about *Australia*. "There's got to be a love story in there somewhere, in every big-budget movie. But with these epic films, there's always the personal story and then the bigger (story)."

"Even if it's a love story like *Dr. Zhivago* or *Gone With the Wind*, it's against this kind of historical backdrop."

*Australia*, set in the Second World War, stars Nicole Kidman as an English aristocrat who travels Down Under to save land she inherited. But to do so, she needs the help of a rugged local (Hugh Jackman). Do you think opposites will attract?

The landscape of *Australia* is also very much a part of the picture. Now, Jackman won't be parting any seas like Charlton Heston did as Moses in *The Ten Commandments*, but visu-



Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman star in *Australia*.

als are integral to an epic. So is connecting with your audience.

"It's got to have some kind of mythic dimension," Gruben says. "It's got to tell us something about ourselves as a cultural group or as a nation."

Just as *The Ten Commandments* appealed to a religious audience, so goes *Australia* for Australians. Luhrmann, Kidman and Jackman are all Aussies. So if you can connect with people through their eyes, ears and heart, you're talking about a movie of epic proportions.

"I think the spectacle is

part of it," Gruben says about the appeal of epics. "And I think very much a part of it — the ones that work, work on the basis of making us feel included in something, make us feel part of some larger idea."

**Epic stories**

A few epics you may enjoy

- Lawrence Of Arabia
- Doctor Zhivago
- Ghandi
- The Ten Commandments
- Ben-Hur
- Cleopatra
- Gone With The Wind

## Kidman, Jackman jumped at chance to work on *Australia*

**FEATURE** Red carpets were rolled out in Sydney and the dusty outback on Tuesday for the world premiere of the epic movie *Australia* which aims to showcase the rugged continent, its history and indigenous people to the world.

Director Baz Luhrmann's ambitious and grandly named film, the most expensive made in *Australia*, Australian co-stars Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman have both carved out lucrative Hollywood careers but jumped at the chance to work with Luhrmann.

"The hardest thing was finishing it," Jackman told a news conference, adding that playing a drover or cowboy in the movie was the "greatest role I have ever had."

*Australia* is pinning high hopes on the romantic adventure which Luhrmann said he had filmed in the style of *Gone With The Wind* and hoped would become part of Australian film history.

Kidman, 41, who worked with Luhrmann on his last

and third movie *Moulin Rouge* in 2001, said making *Australia* was a "once in a lifetime thing" for her.

"Rarely do you get a make a film that you have dreamed of doing since you were little, which will be part of Australian cinema," said Kidman. "This is a celebration for me and hopefully for this country."

Asked about several steamy kissing scenes with Jackman, Kidman joked: "Obviously we were in character, but it was good to go to work."

The two-hour, 40-minute long movie, which is reported to have cost News Corp's 20th Century Fox about \$130 million US, is a World War Two drama set in stunning Australian landscape.

The story is about an English aristocrat who travels to *Australia* and joins forces with a drover and an Aboriginal child to drive a herd of cattle across *Australia*.

*Australia* opens in Canada on Wednesday.

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## The opposite of a Christmas film

PHIL BROWN  
for Metro Canada

**FEATURE** Seth Gordon burst onto the scene last year with the brilliant documentary *The King Of Kong* about a pair of grown men fighting over the top score on the original *Donkey Kong*.

It was inevitable that he would transition into Hollywood after the film, but nobody could have predicted that it would happen so quickly. Before *King Of Kong* even debuted on DVD, Gordon was hired to direct the comedy *Four Christmases* — with an all-star cast including Vince Vaughn, Reese Witherspoon, Robert Duvall and Sissy Spacek.

"Vince Vaughn had seen *The King Of Kong* and I think he responded well to it. He showed it to Reese and they asked to see me," said Gordon. "I barely had time to review the script. I actually read it on the plane to L.A. Then I told them my first instincts about the story and found that we were very similarly minded about the problems with the script."

Gordon then worked with the stars to make

something that was true to their feelings about families and the holidays. Opening next Friday, the film is about a couple forced to visit their dysfunctional families for Christmas after avoiding them for years.

"I think it's in some ways the opposite of a traditional Christmas movie because the characters are anti-family anti-marriage, and anti-kids," says Gordon. "I guess my own personal attitudes about marriage and kids is closer to the protagonists than I was ready to admit. I think it's very informed by our personal experiences, although I won't say what is loosely based on specific things."

Making *Four Christmases* was obviously quite different from making a low budget documentary and Gordon admits that it was quite a challenge.

"It was such a leap and the movies have almost nothing in common," he said. "It was a great opportunity that I couldn't resist. I'll definitely do some more comedies in the future, but this was a great one to get to cut my teeth on."

## Reel holiday

**Whether you're looking for something to do with your loved ones over the holidays, or trying to get away from those cheek-pinching distant relatives, Hollywood is hoping you'll take in a flick — or a few.**

There seems to be more choices than a can of mixed-nuts hitting the screen this year. Here's Metro's peak at some of the holiday-period's movie highlights.

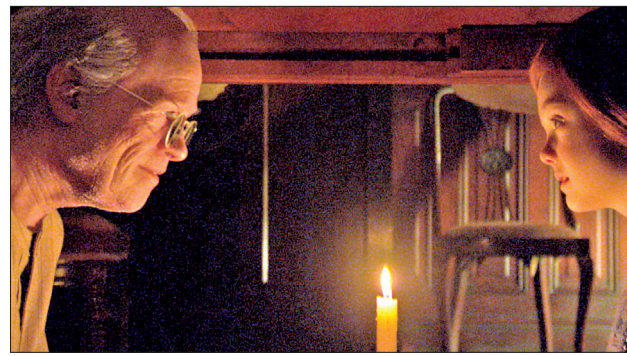
**STAGE TO SCREEN:** Opie-grad Ron Howard raises the curtain on theatrical adaptation with *Frost/Nixon* (Dec. 12), a dramatization of the famous 1977 interview between journalist David Frost and a disgraced ex-president Richard Nixon. Howard will have some competition, since Meryl Streep's latest Oscar attempt, *Doubt*, also opens in some Canadian cities the same day. The Broadway version hit the stage more than 500 times, and Philip Seymour Hoffman and Amy Adams are helping to bring this story of a priest who may have

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crossed the line with a student to the big screen.

**BIO-STORIES:** Beyoncé Knowles may have missed her acting Oscar with *Dreamgirls*, but she is trying again with a turn as Etta James in *Cadillac Records* (Dec. 5); about the rise and fall of Chicago-based Chess Records. Sean Penn is also a contender for the golden-guy with his portrayal of Harvey Milk in *Gus Van Sant's* bio about the 1970s assassination of the San Francisco politician in *Milk* (limited release Nov. 28). It's anyone's guess how *Valkyrie* (Dec. 26) will fair. Tom Cruise teams with director Bryan Singer to bring this story of the attempted assassination of Adolph Hitler.

**KATE AND LEO** It was just over a decade ago that Christmas audiences warmed to in Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio in the North Atlantic iceberg-crashing epic *Titanic*. Now Rose and Jack are teamed again, this time as a 1950s couple look-



Brad Pitt, left, stars in *The Curious Case on Benjamin Buttons*.

ing for answers in post-war suburbia in *Revolutionary Road* (Jan. 2). If you can't wait until the new year, get a Winslet fix in December when she plays a woman defending herself at a war crimes trial following the Second World War in *The Reader* (Dec. 12).

**FANTASY FARE:** The 1950s sci-fi classic *The Day the Earth Stood Still* has received a CGI update with Keanu Reeves playing the role on an alien visitor warning of an impending catastrophe if humanity doesn't clean up its act. (Dec. 12). Meanwhile, things are taking place in *Reverse for Brad Pitt*, who stars as a man who, instead of growing older, finds himself growing younger everyday in *The Curious Case on Benjamin Buttons* (Dec. 25).

**FAMILY FUN:** Nothing says the holidays more than a family sharing a tub of buttered popcorn, and the producers of *Delgo* (Dec. 12) are hoping it's their film children are eying in theatres. This animated adventure sees Freddie Prinze Jr. provide the voice of a young man who escapes jail after being sentenced for a crime he didn't commit. It's a mouse on the run in *The Tale of Despereaux* (Dec. 19), with Matthew Broderick voicing a mouse banished from his home. Looking for something a bit more real? Adam Sandler stars as a hotel handyman whose fantastical stories he tells his niece and nephew start to become true in the family movie *Bedtime Stories* (Dec. 25).

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**I Am Legend actor and writer to reunite**

In a potential high-profile star-writer reunion, I Am Legend co-scribe Mark Protosevich is in early talks to pen the remake of Old Boy, which Legend star Will Smith is developing with director Steven Spielberg. **REUTERS**

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# Growing Op goes to pot

## Growing Op

**Director:** Michael Melski

**Stars:** Rosana Arquette, Stephen Yafee

**Classification:** STC

**Rating:** ½

**CHRIS ALEXANDER**  
for Metro Canada



Rosana Arquette and Stephen Yafee star in Growing Op.

**Taking its cues from the hit Showtime suburban, spliff-seller dramedy Weeds, writer/director Michael Melski's Cancon-approved clunker Growing Op deals with the trials and tribulations of pasty faced Quinn — Stephen Yafee, unconvincingly channeling a young John Cusack — the home schooled 17-year-old son of a pair of aging hipster marijuana harvesters.**

Crushingly lonely, pinning for his cute next door neighbor and eternally at odds with his radical parents and their doobie-drenched lifestyle, Quinn decides — against their wishes — to enrol himself in public school for the first time in a vain attempt to be “normal.”

As the awkward Quinn

clumsily attempts to wrap himself around the usual high school hell of peer pressure, dating and assorted social stigmas, he simultaneously tries to conceal the fact that his folks are Leave It To Beaver-land drug dealers.

Growing Op — get it? — is a pedestrian fish out of water serio-sitcom that, for all of its wannabe coming of age John Hughes-esque pretensions, fails to find the absurdist spark a counter-culture comedy like this desperately needs to succeed.

Melski's predictable screenplay is stilted and filled with unnatural, distracting affectations (modern suburbanite kids who are obsessed with '80s Canadian pop/punk outfit

Teenage Head? Hmm), and the film's only semi-redeeming element is an amusing performance by the always reliable and woefully undervalued Rosana Arquette.

As the cannabis clan's loving — when she's lucid — matriarch, Arquette is truly funny and brings a sense of much needed authenticity to Melski's tepid and artificially realized screen universe: You really buy the fact that this is an intelligent, eccentric woman who is having difficulty grappling with her son's rebellion.

That richly detailed turn aside, Growing Op is a pithy homegrown hubbly-bubbly of the lamest sort. Watch a Weeds re-run instead.

# Bringing the undead to the big screen

## InFocus

## Richard Crouse

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This week audiences will travel into another dimension: A dimension where vampires and humans fall in love; where bloodsuckers feed on animals instead of people.

They'll take a journey to a wondrous land where a series of books can become a movie blockbuster. They're about to cross over into the Twilight zone.

Twilight, for the uninitiated, is Buffy's worst nightmare. It's the first in an insanely popular series of books about seventeen-year-old Bella Swan who moves to Forks, Washington and finds her life in danger when she falls in love with ninety-year-old vampire Edward Cullen.

The books are required reading for every teenage girl on the planet and now those undead literary char-

acters are coming to life on the big screen in what will undoubtedly be the weekend's number one film. Vampires, despite Buffy's best efforts, are hot again.

Until recently vampire movies were stuck in a rut, duller than a blunt wooden stake. Too often they relied on the age-old conventions of the genre — bloody fangs, holy water and black velvet capes — while every other horror icon was given a makeover.

28 Days Later gave us fleet footed zombies and Ginger Snaps suggested an alternate werewolf backstory but vampires were stuck in gothic Bela Lugosi Land.

The undead were reinvented for the series True Blood, but until recently interesting revisions of the vampire story at the movies were as rare as baked garlic at Dracula's Diner.

That's what makes Twilight and a new film called Let the Right One In so refreshing. The latter is a Swedish movie about Os-

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revenge through Eli, a pretty but peculiar girl who is also a vampire.

Relocating the story from Transylvania or a giant gothic castle to a snow-bound Stockholm suburb blows the cobwebs off of the traditional vampire tale. The setting is bright white, stark without a gar-

goyle or coffin in sight.

It's a curious backdrop for a horror movie and the otherworldliness of the setting adds to the disquieting aspects of the story.

So if Twilight is sold out your local theatre this weekend, check out Let the Right One In, or, dig a little deeper and blow the dust off of DVD copies of Tobe Hooper's Lifeforce or The Hunger (David Bowie and Catherine Deneuve as elegantly wasted vamps) or even Blacula for a different take on the vampire myth.

Richard Crouse is the author of Son of the 100 Best Movies You've Never Seen and film critic for CTV's Canada AM.

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**Four Christmases** (STC) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 12:50-3:10-7:20-9:25

**Growing Op** (STC) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu

**High School Musical 3: Senior Year** (G) Dolby Stereo Fri-Thu 1:3:45-6:45-9:15

**Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa** (G) Dolby Stereo, No Passes Fri-Sat 1:1:40-3:30-4:6:30-7:8:45-9:20 Dolby Stereo, No Passes Sun 1:1:40-3:30-4:7-9:20 Dolby Stereo, No Passes Mon 1:1:40-3:30-4:6:30-7:8:45-9:20 Dolby Stereo, No Passes Tue 1:1:40-3:30-4:6:30-8:45-9:30 Dolby Stereo, No Passes Wed-Thu 1:40-4-7-9:20

**Passchendaele** (14) Dolby Stereo Fri-Tue 12:40-3:40-6:55

**Quantum of Solace** (14) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 12:45-1:15-3:30-3:50-6:45-7:15-9:30-9:55

**Rachel Getting Married** (14) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-3:55-7:10-9:45

**Role Models** (14) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 1:10-3:40-7:15-9:45 Dolby



Angelina Jolie in a scene from Changeling, which is currently in theatres.

Stereo, Stadium Seating Sun 1:10-3:40-9:45  
Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Mon-Wed 1:10-3:40-7:15-9:45 Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Thu 1:10-3:40-9:45

**The Secret Life of Bees** (PG) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 1:10-3:50-6:30-9:20 Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Sun 1:10-3:50-6:30-9:40 Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Mon-Tue 1:10-3:50-6:30-9:20

**Tell No One** (STC) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:40-3:30-6:45-9:25

**Transporter 3** (14) Dolby Stereo, No Passes, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 1:20-1:40-3:45-4:10-6:50-7:10-9:15-9:45

**Twilight** (PG) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 12:45-1:15-3:45-4:15-6:45-7:9:45-10

**WWE: Survivor Series 2008** (STC) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Sun 9

**Zack and Miri Make a Porno** (18) Dolby Stereo Fri-Mon 1:50-4:30-7:05-9:40 Dolby Stereo Tue 1:50-4:30-9:40

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**Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa: The IMAX Experience** (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:15-3:45-7:15-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 1:15-3:45-7:15-9:30

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**Australia** (STC) No Passes, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 4-7:30

**Bolt** (G) No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun

12:40-3-7-9:10 No Passes, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 3-7-9:10

**Changeling** (14) Stadium Seating Fri 1-4-7:30 Stadium Seating Sat 7:30 Stadium Seating Sun 1-4-7:30 Stadium Seating Mon-Tue 4-7:30

**Four Christmases** (STC) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 3:40-7:20-9:40

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**Quantum of Solace** (14) No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:20-3:50-7:10-9:50 No Passes, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 3:50-7:10-9:50

**Reservoir Dogs** (STC) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Fri 11:59

**Role Models** (14) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:40-4:20-6:50-9:30 Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Mon 4:20-9:30 Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Tue-Thu 4:20-6:50-9:30

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**Zack and Miri Make a Porno** (18) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 1:30-4:15-7:15-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat 7:15-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun 1:30-4:15-7:15-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 4:15-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 4:15-7:15-9:40

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**Australia** (STC) Wed-Thu 7:30

**The Haunting of Molly Hartley** (14) Fri 6:50-8:50 Sat-Sun 2:20-6:50-8:50 Mon-Thu 6:50-8:50

**Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa** (G) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 6:35-8:55 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 2:25-6:35-8:55 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 6:35-8:55

**Passchendaele** (14) Fri 6:35-9 Sat-Sun 2:05-6:35-9 Mon-Thu 6:35-9

**RocknRolla** (14) Fri-Thu 9:05

**The Secret Life of Bees** (PG) Fri 6:40-9 Sat-Sun 2:10-6:40-9 Mon-Tue 6:40-9

**Soul Men** (STC) Fri 6:45 Sat-Sun 2:15-6:45 Mon-Thu 6:45

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**Bolt** (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-7:30-9:50

**Bolt in Disney Digital 3D** (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2-4:30-7-9:30

**Changeling** (14) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Tue 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:35

**Four Christmases** (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 1:45-4:15-7:15-9:35

**High School Musical 3: Senior Year** (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 1:15-4:10-7:10-9:55

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**Metropolitan Opera: La Damnation de Faust Live** (STC) Stadium Seating, No Passes, Dolby Stereo Digital Sat 2

**Quantum of Solace** (14) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:40-1:15-3:15-3:40-6:25-7:10-9:10-9:50

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**Four Christmases** (STC) Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 6:45-9

**High School Musical 3: Senior Year** (G) Stadium Seating Fri 6:45-9:20 Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:45-3:20-6:45-9:20 Stadium Seating Mon-Tue 6:45-9:20

**Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa** (G) Stadium Seating Fri 6:30-8:50 Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1-3:15-6:30-8:50 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 6:30-8:50

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**RocknRolla** (14) Stadium Seating Fri 7:10-9:40 Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:20-4-7:10-9:40 Stadium Seating Mon-Tue 7:10-9:40

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1. And Winter Came, Enya; 2. A Winter Symphony, Sarah Brightman; 3. A Midwinter Night's Dream, Loreena McKennitt; 4. Soul, Seal; 5. Black Ice, AC/DC. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Music

# Best and worst of Bond

007's theme songs have as storied a history as the movies themselves

JIM REYNO  
Metro Canada



## It's not like Jack White and Alicia Keys have been given a licence to thrill.

The unlikely duo collaborated on Another Way to Die, the hodgepodge title song for the new James Bond film, Quantum of Solace. But although having the Bond theme is a high-profile opportunity for any artist, most of the songs don't have anywhere near the shelf life of the franchise.

Got room on your iPod for All Time High by Rita Coolidge? How about Chris Cornell's You Know My Name? And who the hell is Lulu, anyway?

Let's do worst first — literally.

One Bond theme has reached No. 1 in the U.S. — Duran Duran's A View to a Kill, written by frequent Bond-theme composer John

## Bond theme trends

- 10: The number of James Bond themes John Barry has had a hand in composing.
- 3: The number of Bond themes performed by Shirley Bassey: Goldfinger (1964), Diamonds Are Forever (1971)

and Moonraker (1979).

- 1: The number of duets for a Bond theme: Jack White and Alicia Keys on Another Way to Die for Quantum of Solace (2008).

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Barry. Simon Le Bon gave the track his trademark vocal squeak, and the whole world squeaked along with him.

Then there's Madonna's nasal interpretation of Die Another Die from 2002. Fortunately, it did.

Surprisingly, many of the themes associated with Bond — always action-packed, rigorous flicks — are ballads. That's not to say they're limp and ineffective — this is James Bond we're talking about, after all.

In fact, some of them are, appropriately, killer ballads. Carly Simon's sultry delivery of Nobody Does It Better

from the 1977 Bond film The Spy Who Loved Me helped the Carole Bayer Sager/Marvin Hamlisch song garner an Academy Award nomination for best song. You feel like you've made a conquest just listening to it.

Another Bond ballad got an Oscar nod for best song. Sheena Easton, the little Scot with the big voice, earned a nomination with For Your Eyes Only from 1981. Bill Conti and Michael Leeson wrote the song.

The other Bond theme that's been nominated for a best-

song Oscar is probably the most loved Bond theme of them all. Paul McCartney & Wings released Live and Let Die in 1973.

Composed by McCartney and now-deceased wife Linda, the

song is all things Bond: Suave and sophisticated during the slow parts, dangerous and edgy when the tempo rises.

It's a fun ride, just like in the movies.



Alicia Keys and Jack White team up for Quantum of Solace's theme song.

## Metro music picks

- **SERENA RYDER** — Is It O.K.: Canadian songstress blossoms, using her powerful pipes and heartfelt lyrics to craft contemporary love songs that sound wise beyond their years.
- **T.I.** — Paper Trail: Dirty South MC elevates beyond basic battling with self-reflective rhymes, rugged beats and A-list guests to create an epic album.
- **LITTLE JACKIE** — The Stoop: Sassy singer/rapper decorates her smooth vocal flow with classic soul signatures and charming lyrics for a sunny urban sound.

## TOP 10 MOBILE DOWNLOADS

- 1 Whatever You Like T.I.
- 2 Let It Rock Kevin Rudolf
- 3 Womanizer Britney Spears
- 4 Live Your Life T.I. ft. Rihanna
- 5 So What Pink
- 6 Hit N Cold Katy Perry
- 7 My Life The Game
- 8 Poker Face Lady Gaga
- 9 Right Now Akon
- 10 Rock N' Roll Train AC/DC

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# Guns N' Roses awakens to a whole new world

## SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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By the time the new Guns N' Roses album, Chinese Democracy hits stores on Sunday, it will have been 17 years, two months and seven days since the last time Gunners' fans had a chance to buy a CD of new material. When Axl finally emerged from Rip Van Winkle studios, he may have found that the world had, er, changed.

Here's what I mean:

- When "Use Your Illusion 1 and 2" were released on September 17, 1991, an unknown band called "Nirvana" was getting ready to issue a record called "Nevermind" the following week. In other words, grunge was born, peaked, died and became nostalgia in the space between Gunners albums.
- Miley Cyrus was still

six months away from even being a viable collection of stem cells. Meanwhile, Daddy was still an unknown mullet. "Achy Breaky Heart" wouldn't be released until the following year.

- A precocious ten-year-old named Britney Spears had just appeared on "Star Search."

- Although AC/DC has just released their first album in eight years, they've released five since the last GNR record.

- The first Lollapalooza Tour had just wrapped up.

- Michael Jackson was still considered a good investment. Sony had just signed him to a contract worth \$1 billion.

- Sam the Record Man stocked CDs, vinyl and pre-recorded cassettes in locations across Canada.

- Speaking of CDs, they were sold in environmentally-unfriendly packages called "longboxes."

- I bought my new Walkman. It came in a yellow waterproof case so I could take it to the beach.

- "Arnold Schwarzenegger, a politician? You mean that guy in Termina-

tor 2? HA-HAHAHA!"

- The

biggest

game system was the

Sega Genesis.

Sony's

first PlaySta-

tion was still

three years in the future.

- Computer users were

excited about MS-DOS 5.0

because no one wanted to

use Windows 3.0. Besides,

who wanted to pay \$4,000

for a machine with 1MB of

RAM and a 40MB hard

drive? Who would ever

need all that storage?

- The world's popula-

tion was 5.7 billion. It's

now 6.3 billion.

- A lame-duck president

named Bush was on his

way to being tossed out of

the White House by a

young, charismatic Demo-

crat and his very smart

wife. Meanwhile, there

was a brutal recession as

the stock market tanked,

partly because the cost of

fighting a war in Ir—

OK, so not everything

has changed.



Axl Rose

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## Television

# Heroes plot needs saving

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**Rick McGinnis**

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**FROM HERO TO ZERO:** Nobody will disagree when you say that this season of NBC's Heroes has been lackluster — disappointing even when compared to the last season, as creator Tim Kring seemed to confirm at a recent screenwriting workshop where he admitted that maintaining the plotlines has been “an absolute bear to do.”

Kring also made a curious statement, noting that the way people watch TV has changed, noting that airing long storylines is “a very flawed way of telling stories on network television right now because of the advent of the DVR and online streaming,” and that watching a show during its sched-

uled broadcast slot “is related to the saps and the dips—ts who can't figure out how to watch it in a superior way.”

It only took a day or two for Maureen Ryan of the Chicago Tribune to take Kring to task for insulting his show's fans. “The only sap here is Kring,” Ryan writes. “Any and all insulting terms should be directed at himself. After all, who is responsible for two seasons of mostly muddled, incoherent storytelling? It wasn't the saps at home on their couches.”

Time pop culture critic James Poniewozik went after Kring's confused take on post-broadcast TV, reminding him that — long, long ago, even before only children or MIT scientists could program VCRs — you once

had to rely on annoying officemates to catch you up on shows you'd missed because you had to meet your in-laws for dinner, or a diesel rig had careened off the highway and demolished your TV antenna.

**“The only sap here is (Tim) Kring ... Any and all insulting terms should be directed at himself.”**

Maureen Ryan, Chicago Tribune

“Time-shifting, streaming and watching on DVD are precisely what

has made it more attractive for viewers to watch serial shows,” Poniewozik writes. “If you can watch on Hulu, or a second run on cable, or a replay on your DVR, it's easier to catch up. Anecdotally, I know a lot of people who will only watch serial shows on DVR or DVD, so they can watch several episodes at a stretch. Take Lost: it may never draw CSI numbers, but it does well enough to be well worth ABC's investment, precisely because of an intense fan



Milo Ventimiglia and Hayden Panettiere of Heroes. Many are calling this season's superhero drama a disappointment.

base, many of whom DVR it to rewind and catch details — and its huge sales on DVD are not exactly a liability to anyone concerned.”

Kring admitted that, unlike the producers of Battlestar Galactica, he has no idea where his show is going; right now it looks like he's paddled out of sight of land and needs to blame

someone for turning a hit show about superheroes into a nerdy melodrama where every new plot twist makes its fans punch themselves in the temple to distract them from the pain of feeling like a sucker.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

## Countersuit filed over Project Runway

**LEGAL** The Lifetime cable TV network has countersued NBC Universal, Bravo and The Weinstein Company over the rights to the TV program Project Runway in the latest legal action that has left the hit show in limbo.



Host Heidi Klum

The suit, filed in federal court in Manhattan late Tuesday, seeks exclusive rights over the fashion design contest starring model Heidi Klum that had been scheduled to jump to the Lifetime Network from its cable TV rival Bravo.

It follows similar legal action filed in New York State Supreme Court by NBC Universal, the media wing of General Electric Co and the owner of Bravo, against the producer of the series, The Weinstein Co.

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## In brief

**NEW SERIES** Discovery Channel has greenlighted a 13-episode series that will spotlight demolition blasts around the world and explain the science behind the explosions. The Detonators will follow two explosives experts, Dr. Braden Lusk and Dr. Paul Worsley. **REUTERS**

**REUTERS**

**Air date:** Sunday  
**Network:** CTV and Comedy Network


have enough smug over the holidays, Stephen Colbert brings his college-fried impersonation of Bill O'Reilly to primetime with a variety special, featuring guests Fred, Toby Keith, John Legend, Willie Nelson and Jon



Colbert

Stewart. Enjoy it while you can — the onset of the Obama White House means that Colbert and Stewart will be doing variations on *Who's On First* by this time next year.

**Air date:** Sunday  
**Network:** ABC and A Channel

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show that isn't the Grammys sees Jimmy Kimmel return for his fifth shot as host, which says all you need to know. Beyoncé, Coldplay, Kanye West and the Jonas Brothers are among the performers, but if you keep your eyes sharp, you can get a few

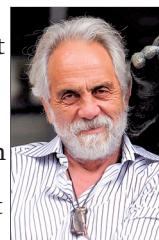


Kimmel

glimpses of music industry executives vainly trying to hide their fear and despair as their industry tanks.


**Air date:** Sunday  
**Network:** CBC Newsworld

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Chong

sting operation that got the famous “Dave’s not here, man” comic put in stir for nine months. But please don’t tell me that you’re going to watch it stoned; no one needs to hear that.



**Chong**

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	7	7	7	ASN The Road to Avonlea		Instant Star	TMZ (N)	Wife Swap (N)		Don't Forget the Lyrics!		Stargate SG-1
	11	11	11	CBC Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Air Force-Final	Rick Mercer	Doctor Who "Midnight"		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	32	32	32	CBS News (N)	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer (N)		The Mentalist (HDTV)		NUMB3RS (N)
	6	6	6	CHFH Entertainment	ET Canada	NCIS		NUMB3RS (HDTV) (N)		Life "Badge Bunny" (N)		News (N)
	9	9	9	CJCH etalk	Hollywood	Law & Order		Ghost Whisperer (N)		Supernanny (N)		News (N)
	36	36	36	FOX Deal-No Deal	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Smarter than a 5th Grader?		Don't Forget the Lyrics!		Fox First
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sports	55	55	55	SCOR Hockey Talk	Game On	World Cup of Poker		WWE SmackDown!				Vanier Cup
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	48	48	48	HGTV Holmes on Homes		House Hunters	Property Virgin	House Hunters	Extreme Home	Build a New Life		Relocation
	46	46	46	HIST Ultimate Engineering		NCIS "Caught on Tape"		Shockwave		Ultimate Engineering		Ax Men
	17	17	17	MM Live at Much: Twilight		You Can Dance		Dance	Born to Be	The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (2006)		
	206	206	206	PIX (6:30) White Lies		(8:10) Stowaways ★★★ (1997, Drama), Ovidiu Balan				Along Came a Spider (2001, Suspense)		
	39	39	39	SHOW EastEnders		The Best Years (DVS)		The Guard (HDTV)		Teepees	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams
	40	40	40	SLJCE Matchmaker	Tilt Debt-Part	End of Leash	ET Canada	Wedding SOS	Wedding SOS	Crash Test Mommy (N)		End of Leash

# SATURDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00		
primetime 11/22/08	31	31	31	ABC	College Football	Patriots All-Access		College Football Texas Tech at Oklahoma. (HDTV) (Live)						
	7	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea	High Adventure (2001, Action) Thomas Ian Griffith.			Comedy Now		Comedy Inc.	Disaster		
	11	11	11	CBC	Sat. Report	Hockey Night	NHL Hockey: Regional Coverage -- Bruins at Canadiens or Blackhawks at Maple Leafs			NHL Hockey				
	32	32	32	CBS	College Football	Entertainment Tonight		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		48 Hr. Mystery		
	6	6	6	CIHF	Ultimate Engineering		Tank Overhaul		Painkiller Jane		Re-Inventors	Re-Inventors	News (N)	
	9	9	9	CJCH	W-FIVE (N)		Law & Order: SVU		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		News (N)	
sports	36	36	36	FOX	Friends	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted		Fox First	
	12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News		Access Hollywood (N)		Knight Rider (HDTV)		Law & Order (HDTV)	Law/Ord SVU	
	55	55	55	SCOR	(6:30) 24/7	Footy Show	BodogFight		Strikeforce		Score on NFL		Footy Show	Univ. Football
	53	53	53	TSN	SportsCentre		E:60		2008 World Series of Poker Main event, from Las Vegas.				Boxing: Hatten	
	16	16	16	A&E	(6:30) Overboard ** (1987, Comedy)		Goldie Hawn.		My Cousin Vinny *** (1992, Comedy) Joe Pesci, Ralph Macchio.					
	70	70	70	APTN	Tribal Treks	Music Speaks	MYTV	The Mix	Rez Bluez		In a World Created by a Drunken God (2008)			
cable variety	37	37	37	Bravo	Arts & Minds	Bravo!Videos	The Bravo! Concert Hall		Opera Under the Stars		Mario Lanza: Sing to Gods		Bravonews	
	49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comics	Just for Laughs		Comer Gas	Blue Collar TV	The Simpsons	South Park	Jeff Dunham	
	18	18	18	CNN	This Week in Politics		Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		CNN Presents: Crime		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley	
	38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Destroyed		Monster Moves		Canada's Worst Driver		Criss Angel	
	34	48	48	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		Colin & Justin's Home Heist		Sarah's House	Mansions	Million Dolar Listing		Extreme-Home	
	46	46	46	HIST	NCIS		Oswald's Ghost (2007, Documentary)		Premiere.		JFK *** (1991, Drama) Kevin Costner.			
	17	17	17	MM	To Be Announced		The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift ** (2006, Action)				50 Cent: Money and Power			Dance
	206	206	206	PIX	(6:15) Mimic (1997)		(8:15) Godzilla vs. Mothra ** (1992, Science Fiction)		Science Fiction)		Godzilla ** (1998, Science Fiction)			
	39	39	39	SHOW	The Ring Two	Trailer Park	About a Girl		Kink in Hair	It's All Gone Pete Tong ** (2004, Comedy) Paul Kaye.				The Island
	40	40	40	SLICE	In Laws	In Laws	Til Debt-Part		Newlywed	Beautiful	Party Mamas	Tori & Dean: Home		Housewives
	21	21	21	TLC	Jon & Kate Plus 8		Little People		Little People	17 Kids-Count	17 Kids-Count	Property Ladder (HDTV)		Trading
	22	22	22	W	(6) Yours, Mine & Ours		Cheaper by the Dozen 2 ** (2005, Comedy) Steve Martin.				Monster-in-Law (2005, Romance-Comedy)			
27	27	27	YTV	Adrenaline	Adrenaline	Wolverine		Transformers	Naruto	Blue Dragon	Zatch Bell (N)	Bleach	Storm Hawks	

**SUNDAY**

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 11/23/08	31	31	31	ABC News (N)	ABC News	Music Awards Red Carpet		2008 American Music Awards (HDTV) (Live)				
	7	7	7	ASN Young Blades	Music Awards Red Carpet		2008 American Music Awards (HDTV) (Live)					
	11	11	11	CBC Heartland (HDTV) (DVS)	Appointment With Death ** (1988, Mystery)		CBC News: Sunday Night (N)			fifth estate		
	32	32	32	CBS Evening News	News (N)	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)		The Amazing Race 13		Cold Case "Pin Up Girl"	The Unit	
	6	6	6	CHFH renegadeexpress	King of the Hill	Family Guy	The Simpsons	24: Redemption (2008, Action) Kiefer Sutherland.			News (N)	
	9	9	9	CJCH Star Wars Clo.	Degrassi: Next	Without a Trace (N)		The Amazing Race 13		Colbert Christmas: Gift	News (N)	
	36	36	36	FOX NFL Football: Giants at Cardinals	The OT		24: Redemption (2008, Action) Kiefer Sutherland.			Fox First		
	12	12	12	NBC News (N)	NBC News	Football Night in America		(9:15) NFL Football Indianapolis Colts at San Diego Chargers.				
spots	55	55	55	SCOR (6:30) NFL Blitz	The WWE Experience		BodogFight			Strikeforce	Poker	
	53	53	53	TSN CFL Football Grey Cup -- Calgary Stampede	rs vs. Montreal Alouettes. (HDTV) (Live)					NFL Football		
cable variety	16	16	16	A&E Cold Case Files	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami	
	70	70	70	APTN Great Towns	MYTV Rez Bluez	Music Speaks		The Mix	At Play in the Fields of the Lord (1991, Drama)			
	37	37	37	BRVO Mad Men "The Jet Set"	Arts & Minds		Bravo! Fact	Dreams of Flight		The Bourne Identity (2002, Suspense)		
	49	49	49	COM Laughs	Comics!	Winnipeg Comedy Festival		Laughs	Rick Mercer	The Simpsons	South Park	Colbert Cmas
	18	18	18	CNN Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)	Newsroom		CNN Presents: Crime		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley	
	38	38	38	DISC Cash Cab	How It's Made	MythBusters		To Be Announced		MythBusters		
	34	48	48	HGTV Green Homes	Extreme Home	House Hunters	Buy Me	Property Virgin	Unsellable	Extreme Makeover: Home		Holmes-Homes
	46	46	46	HIST Finding the Fallen	NCIS "Red Cell"		Carlos the Jackal		The Jackal ** (1997, Suspense)			
	17	17	17	MM 50 Cent: Money and Power	50 Cent: Money and Power		Meet Barkers		Pimp My Ride	You Can Dance		Dance
	206	206	206	PIX Sea of Love	On Her Majesty's	Secret Service *** (1969, Action)		George Lazenby.		The Gift ** (2000, Suspense)		
	39	39	39	SHOW (S) The Island (2005)	The Guard (HDTV)		To Be Fat Like Me (2007, Docudrama)		Kaley Cuoco.		Weeds	
	40	40	40	SLICE Inside Hollywood	Vanity Insanity "Recut"		Wedding SOS		Bulging Brides	Work Out		Biggest Loser
	21	21	21	TLC Super Surgery (HDTV)	Joined for Life: Abby-Brittany		Girl Who Never Grew		World's Smallest People		Love-Geisha	
	22	22	22	W Monster in	Hwd 10 Best	Grocery Bag	Style by Jury	Dirty Little Secret * (1998, Drama)		Tracey Gold, Jack Wagner.		Confessions
	27	27	27	YTV Zathura: A Space Adventure *** (2005, Adventure)	SpongeoBob		Prank Patrol		The Next Star		Falcon Beach	



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## Musicians out for a cause

Dalhousie students show off their talent in support of World AIDS Day

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**It's a collection of Dalhousie University's best and brightest in music on stage together for a good cause.**

The Society of Dalhousie Music Students is hosting An Evening of Music in Support of World AIDS Day tonight at 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Halifax.

The show features talent from the faculty of the Dalhousie music department, from pianists Peter Allen and Lynn Stodola, to violinist Phillippe Djokic, mezzo-soprano Lucy Hayes Davis, bass-baritone Dr. Gregory Servant and composer Jerome Blais. Dalhousie music students will also perform in a variety of genres for the show, which will see all proceeds benefit the Nova Scotia-Gambia Association's HIV/AIDS programs in The Gambia and Sierra Leone.

"We talked to all of the professors to see who would be interested ... to see if they would be willing to donate their time, and they were really great," said society president Meredith Evans. "It's really a whole mix of genres, styles and time periods of music that is a great aspect to the concert. It's not all 19th century stuff. It's a big mix, which is nice."

## If you go

- An Evening of Music in Support of World AIDS Day
- WHEN: Tonight at 8 p.m.
- WHERE: First Baptist Church in Halifax
- TICKETS: Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for students. Tickets are available at the door.

William Horne was the brains behind getting this show off the ground. The SDMS vice-president is studying for his combined honours in international development studies and music, and was looking at a way to "bridge this strange educational gap" by doing a benefit concert like this.

So over the summer he began approaching professors at Dalhousie to see if there was interest and it took off from there.

"Anything they can come up with I try to support it the best I can," said Allen, a piano professor at Dalhousie, who performed his new Hurricane Juan Concerto in September with Symphony Nova Scotia. "Especially if it's a public concert and goes to a great cause like this."

The NSGA strives to empower the people in The Gambia and Sierra Leone to build healthy communities and create positive change. As for World AIDS Day, it falls each year on Dec. 1.

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Pianist Peter Allen will be playing at An Evening of Music in Support of World AIDS Day tonight.

## In brief

**MUSIC** Tickets for the 2009 East Coast Music Awards gala at the Pepsi Centre in Corner Brook, N.L., go on sale to the general public on Monday, Dec. 1 with 500 seats available. Tickets cost \$50, plus applicable taxes and fees. Prior to this, 1,000 seats will be made available on Nov. 20 to Pepsi Centre seat owners through a lottery. Also yesterday, the ECMA association announced the artists who will be performing on the six official ECMA showcase stages in Corner Brook from Feb. 26 to March 1. Several Nova Scotian singers and groups made the list, including David Myles, Christina Martin, Troy MacGillivray, The Tom Fun Orchestra and Slowcoaster.

**THEATRE** Onelight Theatre is hosting a performance of regional talent tonight and tomorrow at Neptune's Studio Theatre at 7 p.m. From spoken word, drumming, dance and gospel, the show will celebrate the work of Nova Scotian artists with performances from the likes of Maria Osende, Gina Burgess, El Jones, Shauntay Grant, Deep River Boys and Sa-Mul-Nori. Tickets are \$25 and \$19 and are available at the Neptune Theatre box office.

**SUMMIT** The first-ever Halifax Entertainment Summit is taking place tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Delta Halifax. The event is a chance all those in the entertainment industry to learn about new opportunities available. To register for the event phone 1-866-783-2200 or visit [metal-worksinstitute.com/halifax](http://metal-worksinstitute.com/halifax).

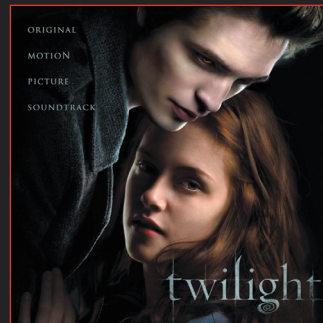
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**Mel's marriage solid**

Those tabloid items you may have seen lately about actor Mel Gibson's marriage being on the rocks? "One hundred per cent untrue," a rep is saying. [POPEATER.COM](http://POPEATER.COM)

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**Natalie MacMaster and the Symphony**

Tonight and tomorrow at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Time for to get those feet stomp as Cape Breton fiddler Natalie MacMaster teams up with Symphony Nova Scotia for performances. There is only limited seating remaining for both shows, with tickets costing from \$32.50 to \$47. For more information, phone 494-3820 or visit [artscentre.dal.ca](http://artscentre.dal.ca).

**Beverley Mahood Singing for Supper**

Tonight, the Dartmouth United Pentecostal Church at 7 p.m.

Canadian country star Beverley Mahood is in town tonight for a special cause as she performs at Tom Jackson's annual food-bank benefit Singing For Supper show. Advance tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors and students and are available at Feed Nova Scotia and various Sobey's outlets. Tickets are \$25 at the door.

**Darrett Zusko, Canadian pianist**

Tomorrow at the Woodlawn United Church in Dartmouth at 8 p.m.

The Dartmouth Community Concert Association presents one of today's up-and-coming concert artists, Canadian pianist Darrett Zusko, in performance. Tickets to see the award-winning pianist are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students and are available at the door.

**Hip-hop artist Omarion**

Tomorrow night at the Halifax Forum at 8 p.m.

Grammy-Award nominated hip-hop artist Omarion is coming to town to perform hits like Ice Box and Touch. Tickets are \$39.50 and \$55.95 and are available at the Halifax Forum box office or any TicketPro outlet. For more information, phone 1-888-311-9090 or visit [ticketpro.ca](http://ticketpro.ca).

**The Aeolian Singers with choirs**

Tomorrow at First Baptist Church in Halifax at 7:30 p.m.

Halifax's The Aeolian Singers are teaming up with two women's choirs from New Brunswick to present The War Within: Women for Peach. Tickets to see The Aeolian Singers, along with Sophias' Choir and Cantabile Women's Ensemble are \$15, with children 12-and-under getting in for free. Tickets are available at the door or by calling 422-5403

**Franklin Christmas**

Sunday at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Everyone's favourite adventurous turtle Franklin is performing three fun-filled shows of his live theatrical performance Franklin's Family Christmas Concert. Tickets are sold-out for the 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. shows, but seats still remain for 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Phone 494-3820 or visit [www.sonic-concerts.com](http://www.sonic-concerts.com).

**Readers overwhelm new digital library**

**BOOKS** Europe's heritage went digital yesterday when the European Union launched an online library putting famous works such as Dante's Divine Comedy and Beethoven's Ninth Symphony just a mouse click away.

Europeana ([www.europeana.eu](http://www.europeana.eu)) gives multilingual access to two million digitized books and other items of cultural and his-

torical significance held in more than 1,000 institutions in the 27 EU states.

"Europeana offers a journey through time, across borders, and into new ideas of what our culture is. More than that, it will connect people to their history and, through interactive pages and tools, to each other," EU Information Society Commissioner Viviane Reding said in a

statement.

Soon after its launch the website froze, its servers overwhelmed by volume of 10 million hits an hour.

Europeana's director, Jill Cousins, says the new portal is not just Europe's answer to portals such as Google Book Search, but goes a step further, noting that the European institutions have been around for hundreds of years. **REUTERS**

**Metro's 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now****1 Holiday movies**

Moviegoers are abuzz this week after the holiday 2008 previews were published. Filmsexpected to cause a box-office frenzy this holiday season include Twilight, Milk and Revolutionary Road.

**4 Justin sings for charity**

Justin Timberlake just released a new single, Follow My Lead. All proceeds from download sales will go to the Shriners Hospitals For Children.

**2 Springsteen's dream**

A release date has been finalized for Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band's new album, Working on a Dream. Fans can expect the record to appear on store shelves on Jan. 27, 2009.

**5 Rocco to makeover school food**

Canadian chef David Rocco is looking to revolutionize the way Canadian children view food. Rocco has started by scoping out certain Ontario schools for the project.

**7 Mormon musical**

Watch out Broadway, the creators of South Park are currently putting together Mormon Musical. The musical is scheduled to take stage in the Manhattan Theatre District in 2009 and will satirize Mormon religion.

**3 Chili challenge**

Zantac has created a national chili recipe challenge where Canadians can submit their recipes online to be judged. Finalists will compete against Food Network TV host Anthony Sedlak in a chili cook-off.

**6 WALL-E on DVD**

On Tuesday, Walt Disney Home Studios Entertainment released a special three-disc edition of the movie WALL-E on DVD.

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Desperate Housewives star Eva Longoria Parker has reportedly given up meat in a bid to lose weight and get healthy. **Eva goes veggie**  
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## Celebrity Buzz

### No role models in L.A.: Wahlberg

**PARENTING** Mark Wahlberg doesn't want his daughter to look up to singer Britney Spears and hotel heiress Paris Hilton, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actor, who has a five-year-old daughter Ella Rae, two-year-old son Michael and nine-week-old Brendan Joseph with fiancée Rhea Durham, wants to move away from Hollywood because there are no positive role models for his children.

"We won't stay in Hollywood forever because it's very difficult to raise normal kids in an environment like that ... There are no real role models for girls. You've got Britney Spears, you've got Paris Hilton — they're nice enough people but I don't want my daughter to aspire to be like that."



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### Madonna and Ritchie to be divorced today

**DIVORCE** Pop star Madonna and her film director husband Guy Ritchie are to be divorced at the High Court in London today, according to court lists.

A notice of the couple's decree nisi will be posted at the Registry of the Family Division, BBC News Online reports.

According to newspaper reports, the couple have reached a settlement over finances and sharing custody of their three children.

The pair were married at Skibo Castle in Scotland in December 2000.

They announced their separation in October.

The couple are registered for the divorce hearing under the

names Ciccione M and Ritchie GS. It will be heard before the High Court's Family Division. Neither party are required to attend the hearing, which is likely to last a matter of minutes.

According to The Times newspaper, the 50-year-old singer will retain the bulk of her wealth.

The couple's two sons, eight-year-old Rocco and David, 2, may share their time between their U.K. and U.S. homes, reports suggest.

The paper added that Lourdes, Madonna's 12-year-old daughter from a previous relationship, will continue to live with her mother.

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### Paltrow is sorry for wearing fur

**APOLOGY** Gwyneth Paltrow is trying to get back in animal rights activists' good books, by apologizing to the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals for endorsing a collection of luxury fur goods, imdb.com reports.

The actress came under fire from PETA and animal rights-campaigners after she appeared in designer Tod's advertising campaign draped in fox fur and wearing fur-lined boots.

A spokesperson said at the time that they had written to the star many times about the treatment of animals used for fur, but their contact had been rebuffed.

But Paltrow made amends by telling PETA

vice-president Dan Mathews she didn't realize the fur was real.

Mathews recounted the apology to Usweekly.com, saying "(Paltrow said) ... it was a daylong photo shoot on a boat near Capri, and there were all sorts of poses with all kinds of clothes — none with fur. During one setup, a stylist came up from behind and draped a stole around my shoulder. I didn't pay much attention to it, and when I noticed it was fur, I assumed it was fake fur, but did not ask, so it's my fault. I know it's not a great excuse, but I hope you and your members understand."

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### Phillippe's a great dad: Witherspoon

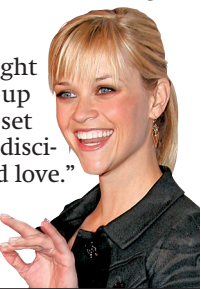
**FAMILY** Reese Witherspoon has heaped praise on her ex-husband Ryan Phillippe because he's a great dad, imdb.com reports.

The actress split from Phillippe in 2007 but says the former couple remains civil for the sake of their children Ava and Deacon.

"My ex-husband is very involved in raising our beautiful children. We're very lucky because we both grew up in working families in middle America. We're on the same page that way."

Witherspoon tells Parade magazine. "When we're with our children, we're very good about checking ourselves. I'm teaching the children what we were taught growing up — a real set of rules, discipline and love."

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### Osbourne's beau went traditional

**MARRIAGE** The news that reality TV star Kelly Osbourne is getting married to boyfriend Luke Worrall might have emerged in less than traditional style — a Facebook update changing the pair's relationship update to "engaged" — but apparently the model went all old school for the proposal itself, orange.co.uk reports.

"Luke got down on one knee to propose to Kelly," said a source.

"I did everything properly," said Worrall, 18.

"Before I asked Kelly to marry me I asked her dad, which was quite scary."



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### Stalking suspect has disorder: aunt

**PEOPLE** Jennifer Garner's alleged stalker Steven Burky — who is reportedly in a psychiatric facility — has a mental disorder which doctors have tried to regulate with prescribed medication, according to his aunt, who said he is "not dangerous."

The actress was granted a temporary restraining order against the 36-year-old on Nov. 7, alleging in a court document that he "has been stalking and harassing me," sending "packages and letters containing delusional and paranoid thoughts and following me around the country."

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### Paris and Benji split

**BREAKUP** Paris Hilton and Benji Madden's romance is over, People.com reports.

The pair split a few days ago after more than nine months of dating, a source close to the hotel heiress tells People.

"She is saddened by the breakup but they're just too different and they wanted different things in life," the source says. "He was loyal and sweet but it was time to take a break."

Reps for both Hilton and Madden could not be reached for comment.

On Nov. 15, Paris was photographed getting cosy with ex-boyfriend Stavros Niarchos at nightclub Mokai in Miami. The Hilton friend says the two were simply engaged in a close but friendly conversation.

"In no way are they romantic, nor do they want to get back together," the source says.

Both Hilton, 27, and Madden, 29, have recently denied reports that they were unfaithful to each other during their relationship.

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### Hathaway headed for heartbreak?

**RELATIONSHIPS** Anne Hathaway has friends worried she's headed for heartbreak, five months after splitting from her jailed ex-boyfriend, Raffaello Follieri, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress revealed she had found love again last month with actor Adam Shulman.

But a source for the New York Post alleges Shulman could be the wrong man for the actress, adding: "When he was at Brown (University), he went after all the heiresses. It's like Anne is addicted to losers."

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### The Jolie-Pitts plan holiday globetrot

**TRAVEL** Actors Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are updating their passports for another Christmas abroad with their six kids, imdb.com reports.

The couple plans to spend the holidays in either Africa or Asia after enjoying Christmas in their adopted New Orleans last year.

"We wanna go to one of the kids' places of origin and spend time there," Pitt says.

The couple's three adopted children come from Cambodia, Vietnam and Ethiopia.

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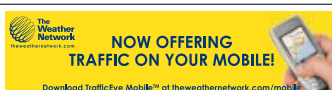
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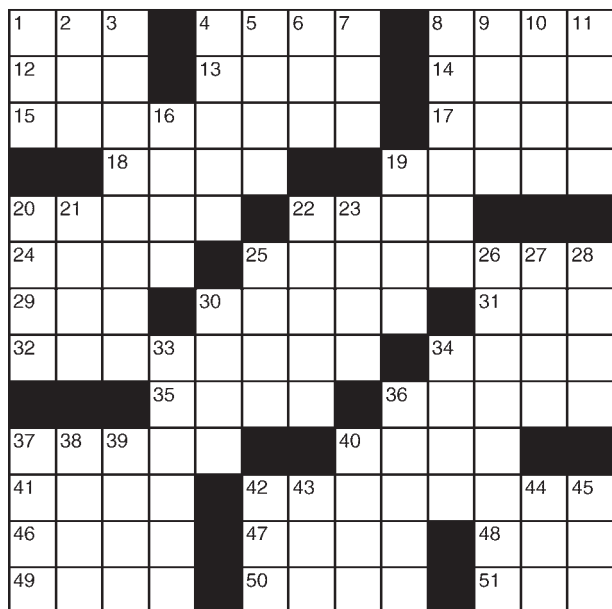
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## Take Five



### Crossword across

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Tavern                        | 30 Gap                  |
| 4 Anything but that             | 31 Sapporo sash         |
| 8 Lens holders                  | 32 Service stripe       |
| 12 "— Got a Secret"             | 34 Wield scissors       |
| 13 Jam ingredient?              | 35 Family member        |
| 14 Impression                   | 36 Surmise              |
| 15 Cotton or tobacco, e.g.      | 37 Incorrect            |
| 17 Lancaster foe                | 40 Blue, in a sense     |
| 18 Do surveillance on           | 41 "Listen!"            |
| 19 Trumpet part                 | 42 Refuse receptacle    |
| 20 Point of view                | 46 Never again?         |
| 22 Approached home plate, maybe | 47 Stir-fry cookware    |
| 24 Millinery                    | 48 Time of anticipation |
| 25 No. 1 recording              | 49 Luminary             |
| 29 St.                          | 50 Do as you're told    |
|                                 | 51 Storm center         |

### Crossword down

- |                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Pen name?               | 25 Bridge                    |
| 2 Actress Gardner         | 26 Apiary critter            |
| 3 Paraphrases             | 27 Sacred wading bird        |
| 4 Implied                 | 28 Gratuities                |
| 5 Throw hard              | 30 Too confident             |
| 6 Judge Lance             | 33 Yearn                     |
| 7 Bribe                   | 34 Stuff like that           |
| 8 Capital of Saudi Arabia | 36 Overly talkative          |
| 9 "American —"            | 37 "— on first?"             |
| 10 Talk-show host Griffin | 38 Carry on                  |
| 11 Benefit                | 39 Killer whale              |
| 16 — Christian Andersen   | 40 Croupier's tool           |
| 19 Work-bench attachment  | 42 Seesaw quorum             |
| 20 Persian sovereign      | 43 Plagiarize                |
| 21 Stromboli outflow      | 44 Wall climber              |
| 22 Agent 86               | 45 Wedding announcement word |
| 23 Deficiency             |                              |

### PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



3	4	2	9	7	6	8	5	1
7	8	9	5	1	3	6	2	4
1	6	5	8	2	4	3	9	7
4	1	8	2	3	5	9	7	6
2	9	6	1	8	7	4	3	5
5	7	3	4	6	9	1	8	2
6	5	7	3	9	1	2	4	8
8	3	4	6	5	2	7	1	9
9	2	1	7	4	8	5	6	3

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### SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 min .....Genius  
13-17 min.....Scholar  
17-21 min .....Smart  
21-25 min .....Not bad  
25+ min.....Keep practising

### Metro Recipe of the Day



### Tomatoes with Spinach Stuffing

#### INGREDIENTS:

1 1/2 tbsp (20 mL) olive oil  
8 oz (250g) fresh spinach  
4 large tomatoes, about 8 oz (225g) each  
1 cup (250 mL) pine nuts  
1 clove garlic  
4 oz (125g) Italian-style premium cheese, such as Parmigiano-Reggiano  
Salt and black pepper

#### METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 425°F (220°C). Lightly oil a baking sheet. Remove stems from spinach.  
2. Heat remaining oil in a saucepan, add spinach, cover, and cook for 2 minutes. Uncover, stir, and leave to cook for 1 minute. Drain off liquid, transfer spinach to a bowl, and set aside.

3. Rinse and dry tomatoes; slice off and reserve tops. Discard pith, seeds and juice from

the centre of each.

4. Lightly toast pine nuts, then add to spinach. Peel and crush garlic and add to mixture, then grate over cheese, season to taste with salt and black pepper, and mix.

5. Press spinach mixture into tomatoes, piling it up, then replace tops, balancing them on the stuffing. Bake on the top shelf of the oven for 12-15 minutes. Serve hot.

#### PER SERVING

790 calories, 68 g total fat, 16 g saturated fat, 9 g carbohydrate, 5 g fibre, 36 g protein

#### SERVES 2



## Horoscopes

### AVATAR VENUS

#### ARIES

**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**

Confusion reigns in a family situation. A deep conversation will get at the truth. Someone's suggestion must be tried out.



#### TAURUS

**APRIL 21-MAY 21**

A sweetheart tries to cheat and fails. Expectations about love are challenged by reality. Refuse to deceive someone about a trifling matter.



#### GEMINI

**MAY 22-JUNE 21**

Don't waste time looking in the wrong direction. A stubborn man learns a lesson the hard way. Someone's grumpiness will lift your mood.



#### CANCER

**JUNE 22-JULY 22**

An opponent is almost finished complaining. Friends will disagree about forgetfulness. Reveal the facts to an evaluator.



#### LEO

**JULY 23-AUG 23**

A woman gets ditched by a phony. Someone changes plans for no reason. A man's warning comes true in an amusing way.



#### VIRGO

**AUG 24-SEPT 22**

Economic matters can cause turmoil. Someone being sneaky will be caught. You won't be able to help a leader.



#### LIBRA

**SEPT 23-OCT 23**

A dreamer seeks your friendship. Nothing is as bad as it seems. A madcap invention is taken seriously.



#### SCORPIO

**OCT 24-NOV 22**

A poverty-stricken person gets drawn into a dispute. Timely action outwits a defensive man. Listen closely to an important message.



#### SAGITTARIUS

**NOV 23-DEC 21**

Refuse to take control in a complicated situation. A hot-blooded man is discussed by those who care. Someone's love affair gets serious.



#### CAPRICORN

**DEC 22-JAN 20**

A fatalist's eagerness is of great concern. There's nothing to be done right now. A trusted friend makes you wonder.



#### AQUARIUS

**JAN 21-FEB 18**

You'll risk being offensive with your frankness. Don't forget to check your messages. Prepare to make a quick getaway.



#### PISCES

**FEB 19-MARCH 20**

Your luck will improve in matters of love. Teach an elder about reality. A shake-up creates a mystery.



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